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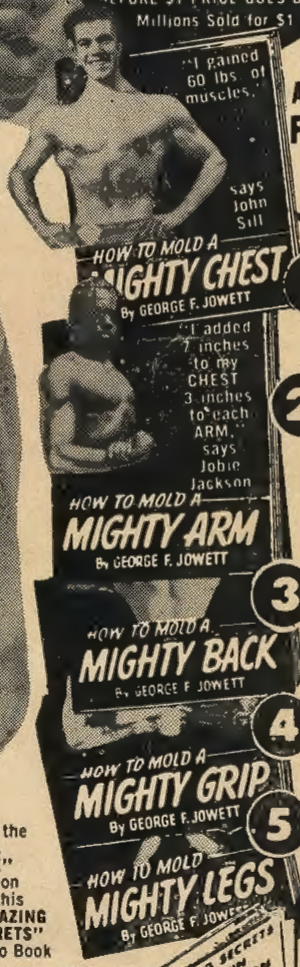
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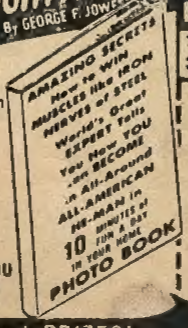
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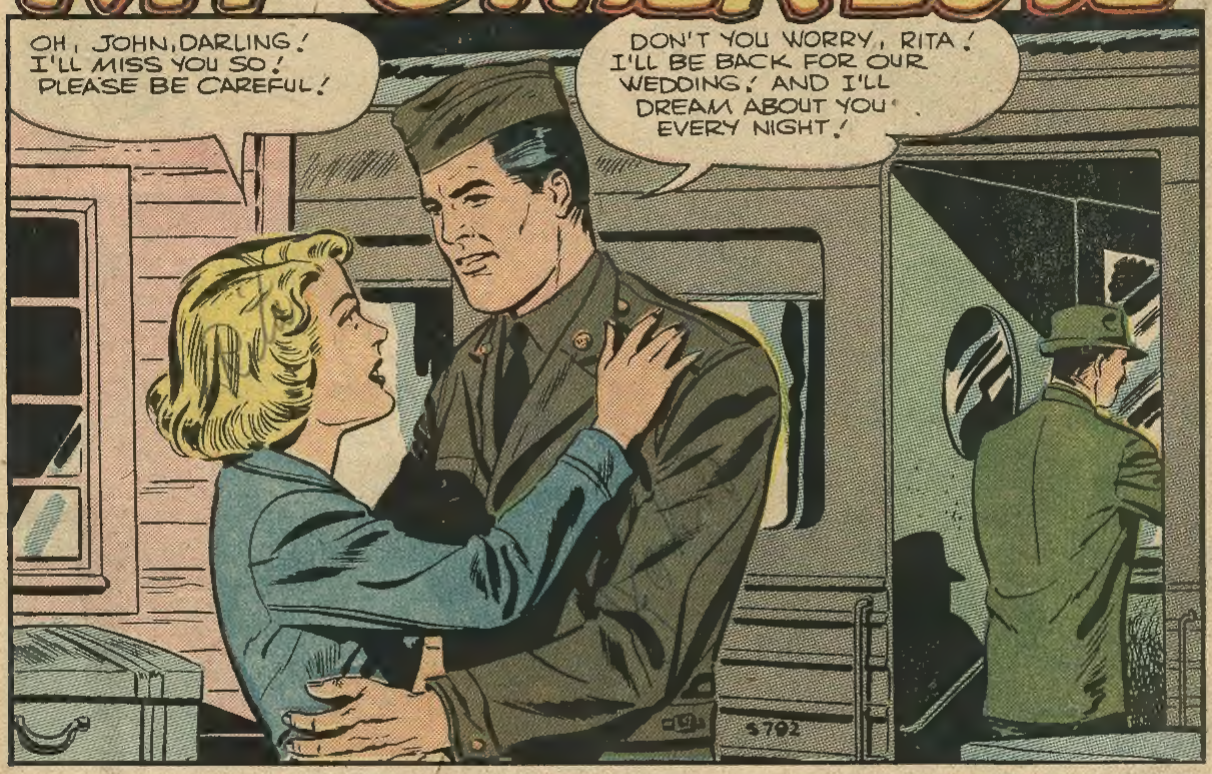
TWO GIRLS HAD MEANT A GREAT DEAL TO JOHN KENNEDY : ONE WAS THE FIANCEE HE LEFT BEHIND : THE SECOND HE CALLED ...

MY OTHER LOVE


OH, JOHN, DARLING! I'LL MISS YOU SO! PLEASE BE CAREFUL!
DON'T YOU WORRY, RITA! I'LL BE BACK FOR OUR WEDDING! AND I'LL DREAM ABOUT YOU EVERY NIGHT!
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Dear Rita,
This is a very difficult letter for me to write! I want to break our engagement. You see, I've fallen in love with someone else. So many things have happened since I left for Korea -- things neither of us could anticipate.

...IT SEEMS SO LONG AGO, WHEN I WAS AN ARTIST SUBMITTING MY FIRST PAINTING TO A NATIONAL EXHIBITION...

THERE IT IS, HONEY!

OH, I KNOW YOU'LL WIN FIRST PRIZE, JOHN DARLING!

MY GETTING AN "HONORABLE MENTION" WAS A FANTASTIC STROKE OF LUCK -- BUT THOUGH YOU DIDN'T SAY SO, I KNEW YOU WERE DISAPPOINTED! YOUR MAN TAKING LESS THAN TOP HONORS...

WELL, THAT'S PAST, RITA! YOU DIDN'T UNDERSTAND! AFTER ALL, YOU WERE ONLY EIGHTEEN! BUT DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW? REALLY? WHAT IT HAS MEANT TO LIVE WITH DEATH TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY?

I MET MARIE DICKENSON WHEN I WAS SENT BACK FOR REST AFTER A CAMPAIGN! MARIE IS A FEW YEARS OLDER THAT YOU -- BUT SHE WAS AN ARMY NURSE, UP ON THE FRONT LINES...

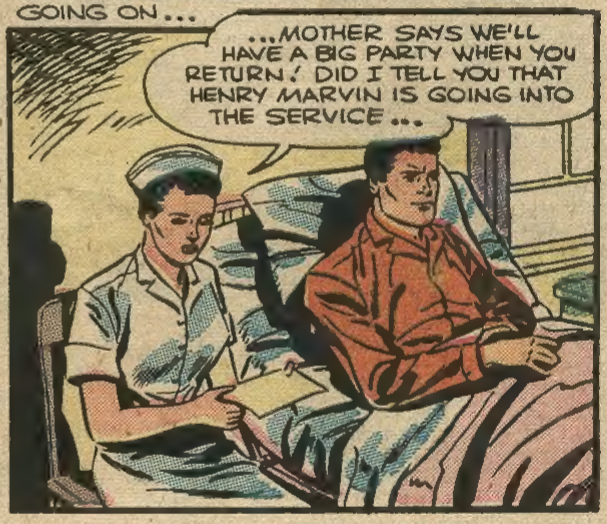
TELL ME ABOUT YOUR GIRL...

SHE'S BLONDE, VERY BEAUTIFUL! I MISS HER VERY MUCH...

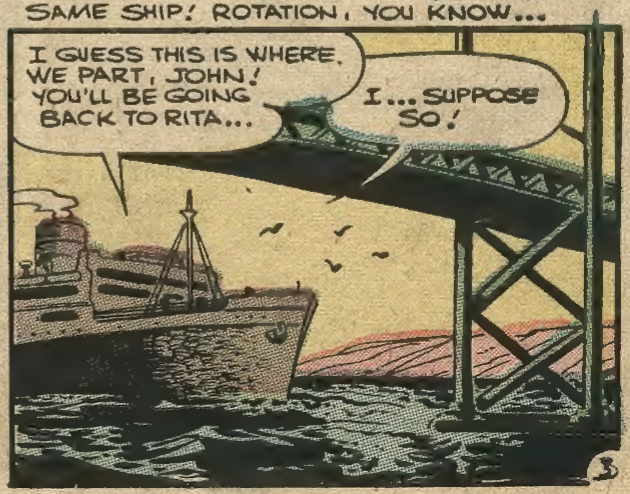
I MEANT THAT, RITA! YOU ARE STILL LOVELY, STILL BEAUTIFUL! BUT EVEN DURING THE FIGHTING, I BEGAN TO HAVE THOUGHTS OF MARIE, MINGLED WITH THOUGHTS OF YOU...

I FINALLY GOT IT! THEY SENT ME TO THE FIELD HOSPITAL! AND MARIE WAS THERE-- CARING FOR US ALL! SHE SEEMED LIKE AN ANGEL...

...AND SHE WAS SENT WITH US TO TOKYO! I THINK IT WAS DURING THAT TRIP I BEGAN TO FALL IN LOVE WITH HER ...
ARE YOU COMFORTABLE, JOHN?
ONLY WHEN YOU ARE NEAR, MARIE!


SHE USED TO READ YOUR LETTERS TO ME -- AFTER I WAS ABLE TO KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON ...
...MOTHER SAYS WE'LL HAVE A BIG PARTY WHEN YOU RETURN! DID I TELL YOU THAT HENRY MARVIN IS GOING INTO THE SERVICE ...

IT'LL BE QUITE A PARTY! RITA WILL BE INVITING ALL HER FRIENDS! IT WILL BE QUITE A THRILL FOR HER...
YOU WOULDN'T WANT IT OTHERWISE, WOULD YOU, JOHN! SHE SEEMS LIKE A SWEET CHILD! I'M SURE YOU'LL BE VERY HAPPY!


THEN IT WAS OVER FOR ME! I WASN'T SO BADLY HURT THAT I WAS OUT OF ACTION COMPLETELY! BUT I WAS THROUGH FIGHTING! AND PERHAPS IT WAS FATE THAT SENT MARIE BACK ON THE SAME SHIP! ROTATION, YOU KNOW...
I GUESS THIS IS WHERE WE PART, JOHN! YOU'LL BE GOING BACK TO RITA...
I... SUPPOSE SO!

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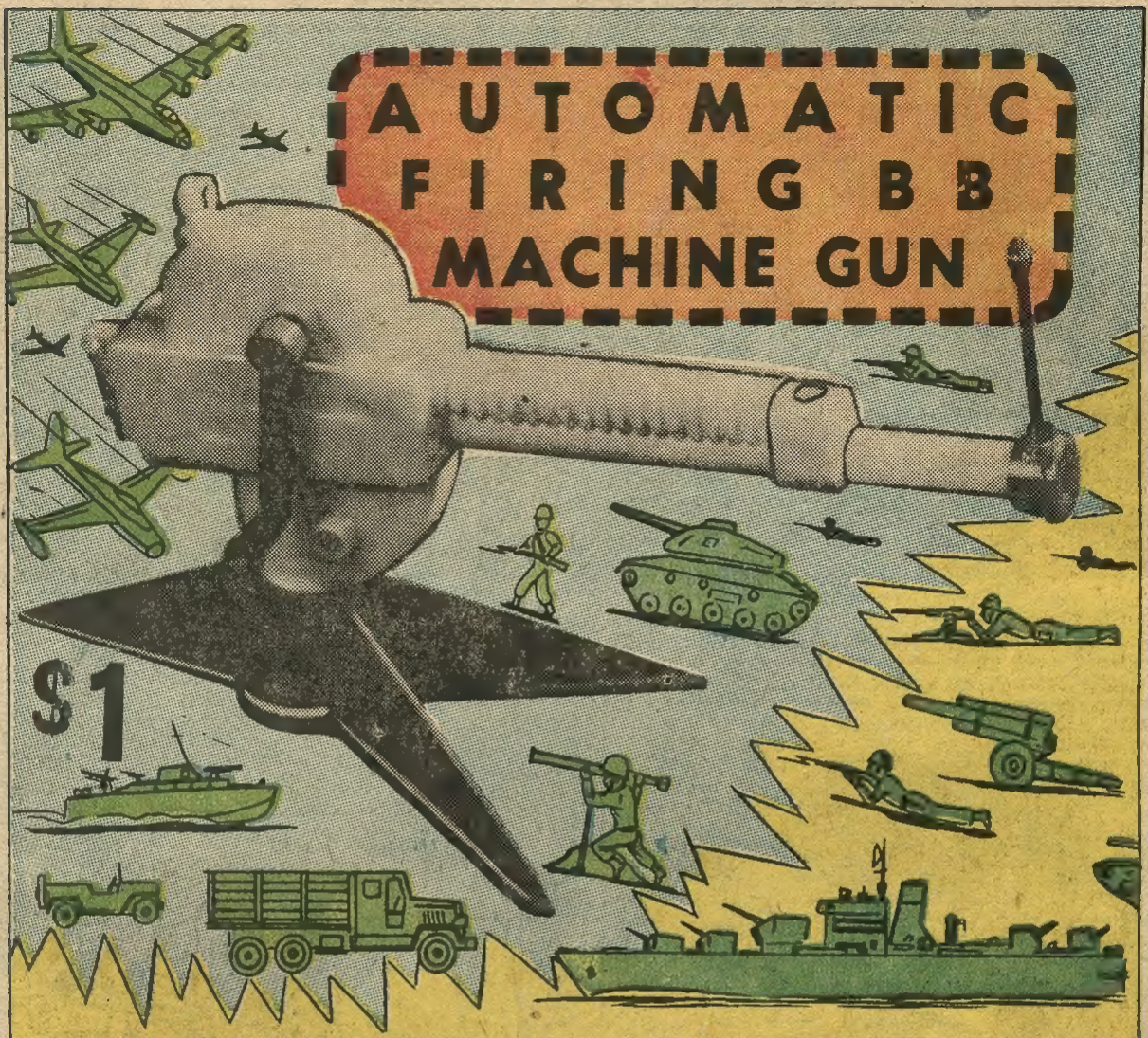

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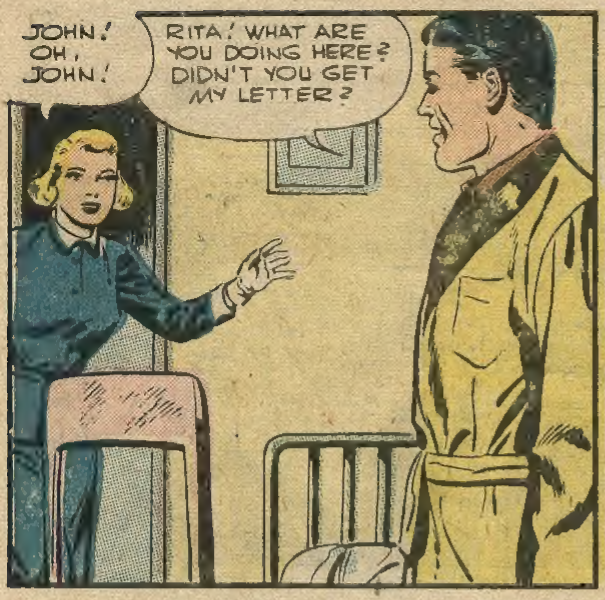
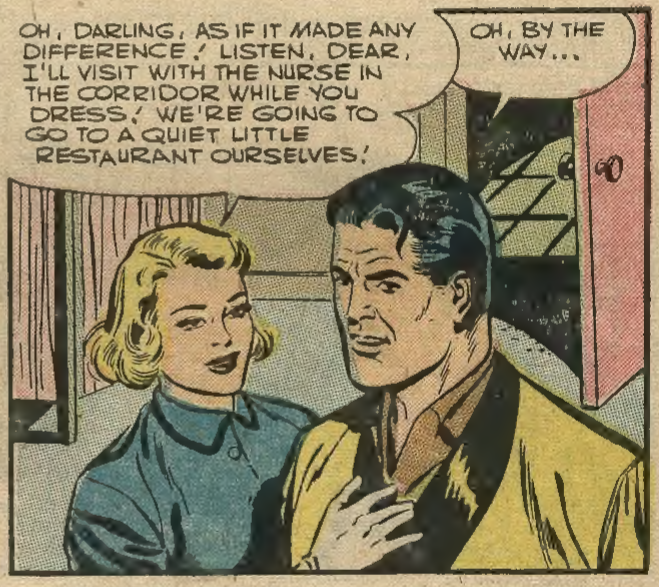
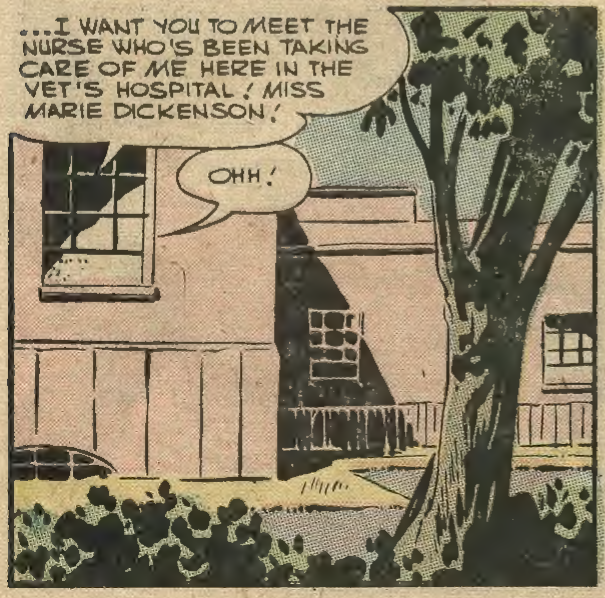
BUT I DIDN'T RETURN, AS YOU WELL KNOW, RITA -- INSTEAD, I OBTAINED WORK AT THE FACTORY -- USING MY HANDS! ART WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION...
YOU SEE, MARIE STAYED IN SAN FRANCISCO, TOO! SHE WOULD MEET ME EVERY NIGHT AFTER WORK...
HOW WAS WORK TODAY, JOHN?
TIRING, MARIE -- BUT I KNEW YOU'D BE HERE! IT HELPS A LOT!
WE WENT TO A SMALL COZY RESTAURANT EVERY NIGHT! IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT ONE NIGHT I WOULD SAY..."
MARIE, I LOVE YOU! I WANT YOU TO BECOME MY WIFE! I... I'LL WRITE TO RITA TONIGHT AND EXPLAIN EVERY-THING!
OHHH! OH, JOHN!
And so I am sending you this letter, Rita, hoping that you will try to understand
LATER...
KNOCK! KNOCK!
YOU MUST BE ELLEN WALLACE! OH, MISS WALLACE, HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU FOR SENDING THAT LETTER AFTER JOHN SENT HIS!
COME IN, RITA! JOHN DOESN'T EXPECT YOU!

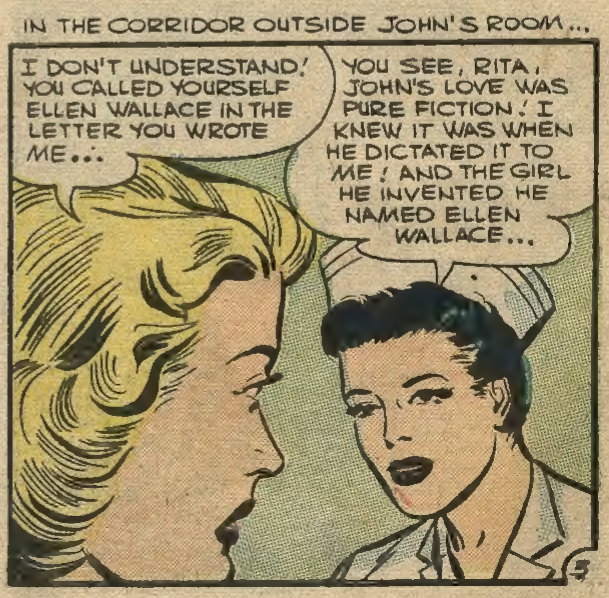

JOHN! OH, JOHN!
RITA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? DIDN'T YOU GET MY LETTER?

I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO SEE ME LIKE... OHHH!
THUMP!

OH, DARLING, WHY DID YOU WRITE SUCH A LETTER? WHEN THERE ISN'T... NEVER WAS ANOTHER GIRL?
BUT I COULDN'T LET YOU MARRY A BLIND MAN!


OH, DARLING, AS IF IT MADE ANY DIFFERENCE! LISTEN, DEAR, I'LL VISIT WITH THE NURSE IN THE CORRIDOR WHILE YOU DRESS! WE'RE GOING TO GO TO A QUIET LITTLE RESTAURANT OURSELVES!
OH, BY THE WAY...


...I WANT YOU TO MEET THE NURSE WHO'S BEEN TAKING CARE OF ME HERE IN THE VET'S HOSPITAL! MISS MARIE DICKENSON!
OHH!


IN THE CORRIDOR OUTSIDE JOHN'S ROOM...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! YOU CALLED YOURSELF ELLEN WALLACE IN THE LETTER YOU WROTE ME...
YOU SEE, RITA, JOHN'S LOVE WAS PURE FICTION! I KNEW IT WAS WHEN HE DICTATED IT TO ME! AND THE GIRL HE INVENTED HE NAMED ELLEN WALLACE...

...BUT EACH TIME HE DICTATED THE NAME ELLEN WALLACE, I WROTE IN MY NAME! I...I DON'T KNOW WHY -- TRY TO UNDERSTAND, RITA!
I DO UNDERSTAND! YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH JOHN! BUT YOUR CONSCIENCE WOULD NOT LET JOHN'S LETTER STAND!

SO YOU SENT THE SECOND LETTER AFTER YOU MAILED JOHN'S LETTER TO ME!
YES! YOU'RE REALLY LUCKY! ALTHOUGH I HAD TO DO IT! JOHN'S SO VERY MUCH IN LOVE WITH YOU!

OH, THANK YOU, MARIE! THANK YOU! NOW WE CAN GET MARRIED!

SIX MONTHS LATER...
OH, DOCTOR -- HOW IS HE?
YOU MAY GO TO HIM, MRS. KENNEDY! THE BANDAGES ARE OFF YOUR HUSBAND'S EYES! THE OPERATION WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS!

JOHN! OH, JOHN, MY DEAREST!
RITA, JUST AS BEAUTIFUL AS EVER!

END

TOM AND ANDY ALLEN FOUND BEING IDENTICAL TWINS A VERY HANDY STATE OF AFFAIRS, UNTIL BOTH FELL IN LOVE WITH THE SAME GIRL! THEN EACH BECAME...

HIS OWN RIVAL

OH, TOM, I DO LOVE YOU, BUT I...I JUST CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH WHAT YOU ASK!
WITH WHAT I...
COULD THIS BE ANDY'S IDEA? BEING MY IDENTICAL TWIN HE COULD HAVE BEEN DOUBLE-CROSSING ME!
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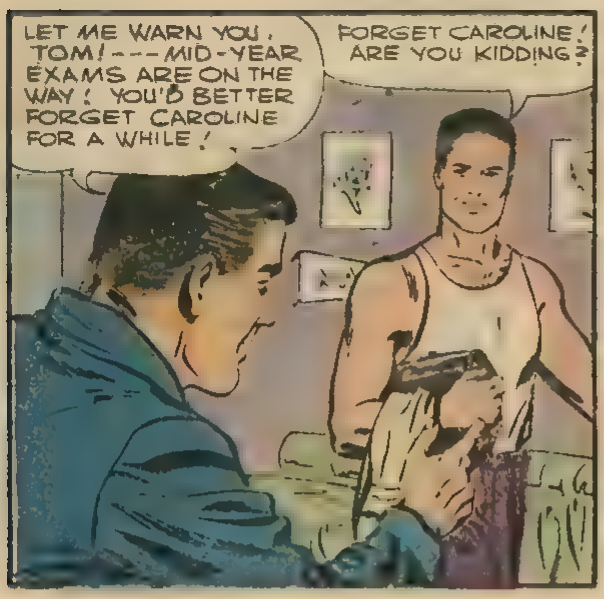
ALL THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL AND NOW COLLEGE ANDY AND I HAD BEEN PINCH-HITTING FOR ONE ANOTHER...

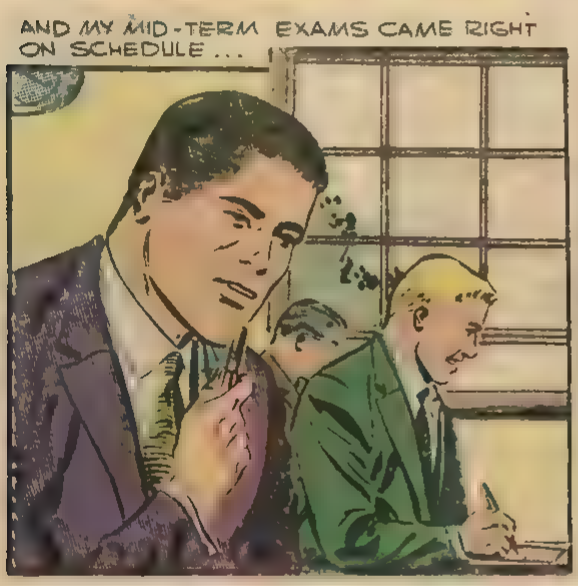
LATER...

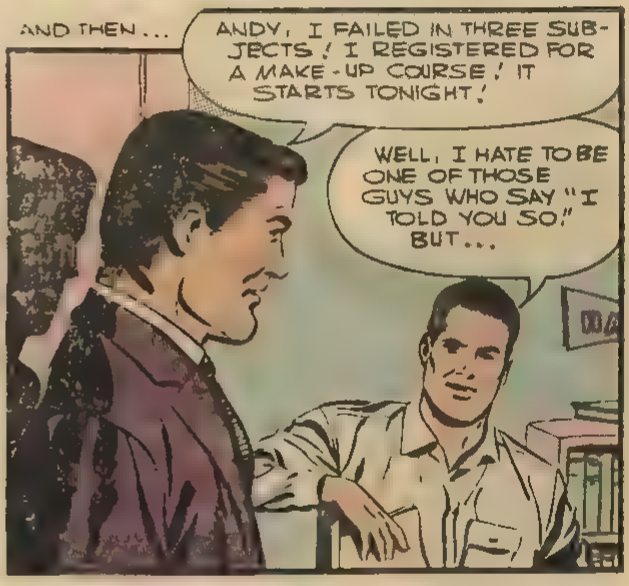
WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK, TOM? IS IRENE IN LOVE WITH ME?
NO, I'D SAY SHE'S IN LOVE WITH YOUR CLOTHES! AT LEAST SHE'S NOT IN LOVE WITH MINE!

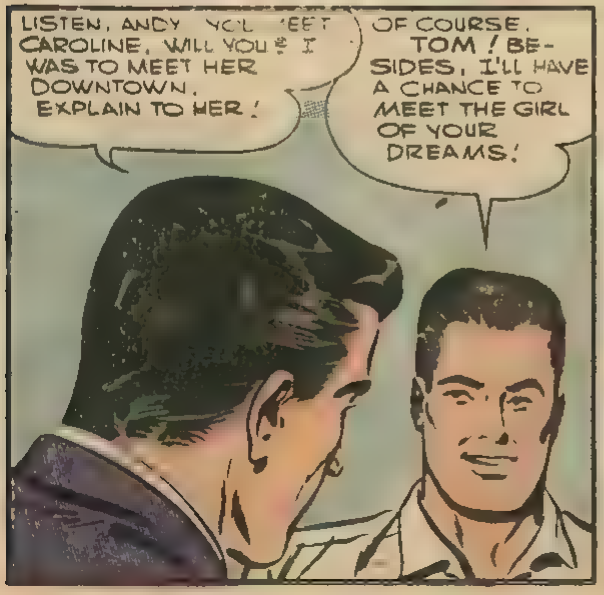
AND THEN I MET CAROLINE WHITNEY AT A HOUSE PARTY...
CAROLINE, YOU'RE LIKE NO OTHER GIRL I'VE EVER MET!
IS THAT MEANT TO BE A COMPLIMENT OR A CRITICISM, TOM?
YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN, CAROLINE...
YES... THAT IS... I HOPE I KNOW!
WELL, ANDY OLD BOY -- CAROLINE IS ONE GIRL I'M NOT ENTRUSTING TO YOUR CARE!
LOVE HAS STRUCK AT LAST!
DOES THIS MEAN THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE AVAILABLE WHEN I NEED A DATE TAKEN OFF MY HANDS?
I'M AFRAID SO, ANDY!
WHAT A HELP YOU ARE, BUB!
YOU OUGHT TO SEE HER! I SWEAR YOU'D SAY I WAS JUSTIFIED!
THAT WILL BE THE DAY!
JUST HOPE YOU KEEP THAT ATTITUDE IF YOU EVER MEET HER!


LET ME WARN YOU, TOM! --- MID-YEAR EXAMS ARE ON THE WAY! YOU'D BETTER FORGET CAROLINE FOR A WHILE!
FORGET CAROLINE! ARE YOU KIDDING?

AND I DIDN'T FORGET ABOUT HER...


AND MY MID-TERM EXAMS CAME RIGHT ON SCHEDULE...

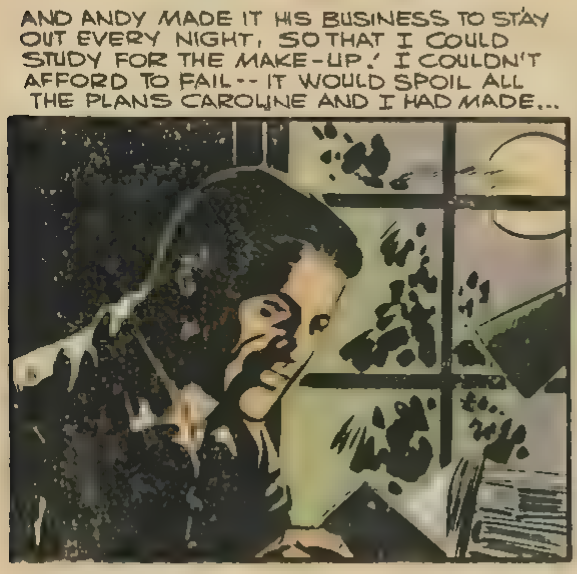

AND THEN...
ANDY, I FAILED IN THREE SUBJECTS! I REGISTERED FOR A MAKE-UP COURSE! IT STARTS TONIGHT!
WELL, I HATE TO BE ONE OF THOSE GUYS WHO SAY "I TOLD YOU SO!" BUT...

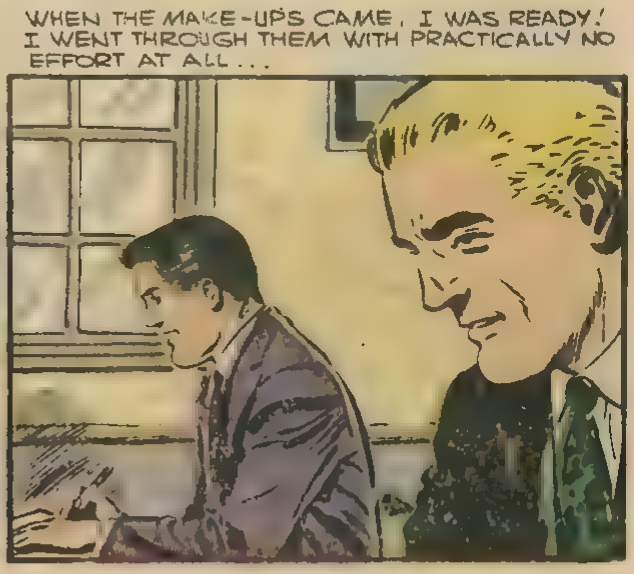

LISTEN, ANDY YOU MEET CAROLINE, WILL YOU? I WAS TO MEET HER DOWNTOWN. EXPLAIN TO HER!
OF COURSE, TOM! BESIDES, I'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO MEET THE GIRL OF YOUR DREAMS!

SO I WENT TO MAKE-UP SESSION, THANKFUL THAT ANDY WAS EXPLAINING TO CAROLINE FOR ME...
SO THAT'S CAROLINE? WOW! I DON'T BLAME TOM AFTER ALL!

OH, TOM! I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO STAND ME UP!
SHE THINKS I'M TOM! WELL, HOW ABOUT THAT!
ME STAND YOU UP, DARLING! THAT'S ONE FAULT YOU'LL NEVER FIND IN ME!

AND I WAS GLAD ANDY WAS STAYING OUT LATE, PROBABLY WITH THE FELLOWS, SO THAT I COULD CRAM AFTER CLASS!
YOU'RE SO GAY TONIGHT, TOM!! IT'S INSPIRING!
IT'S THE COMPANY I KEEP! SHALL WE DANCE?


AND ANDY MADE IT HIS BUSINESS TO STAY OUT EVERY NIGHT, SO THAT I COULD STUDY FOR THE MAKE-UP! I COULDN'T AFFORD TO FAIL -- IT WOULD SPOIL ALL THE PLANS CAROLINE AND I HAD MADE...

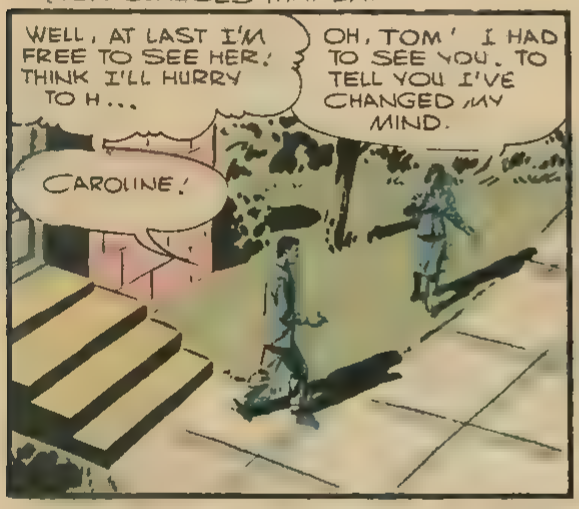

WHEN THE MAKE-UPS CAME, I WAS READY! I WENT THROUGH THEM WITH PRACTICALLY NO EFFORT AT ALL...

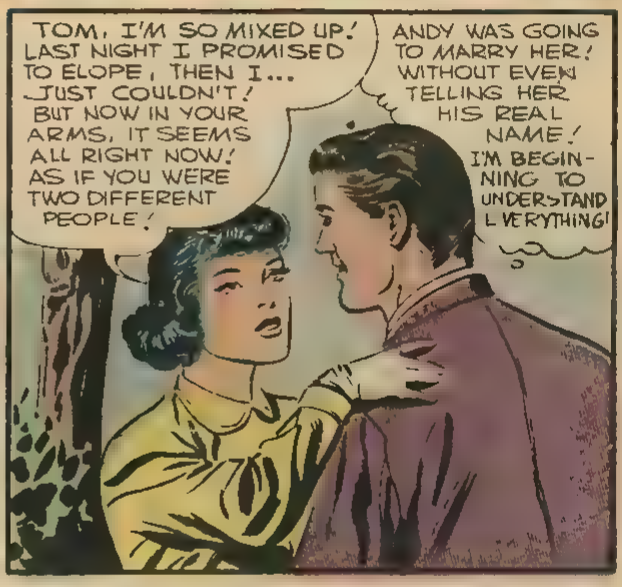
THAT NIGHT...
WHY ARE YOU SO SERIOUS TONIGHT, TOM?
AM I?
WHY WOULDN'T I BE? TOM WILL BE FREE TO DATE CAROLINE AFTER TONIGHT!

BUT WHY SHOULD I GIVE HER UP? I'M AS MUCH IN LOVE WITH HER AS TOM!! DARN IT, I WON'T! I'LL EXPLAIN AFTERWARD! I'LL MAKE HER FALL FOR ME IN SPITE OF THE LIE!

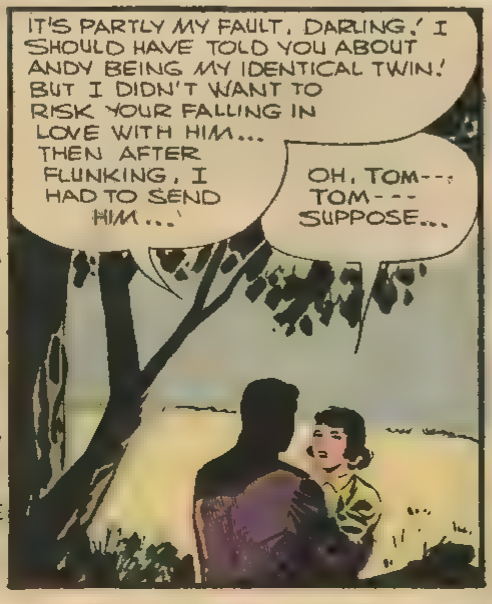
CAROLINE, YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU! CAN'T WE GET MARRIED, TONIGHT?
ELOPE? OH, TOM - I NEVER WANTED MARRIAGE THAT WAY! BUT, IF YOU DO...

ANDY WAS NOT IN OUR ROOM WHEN I LEFT THAT NIGHT---AND HIS CLOTHES WERE MISSING TOO—HE HAD NOT RETURNED AFTER CLASSES THAT DAY

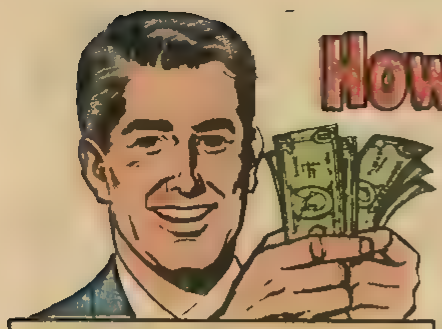



TOM, I'M SO MIXED UP! LAST NIGHT I PROMISED TO ELOPE, THEN I... JUST COULDN'T! BUT NOW IN YOUR ARMS, IT SEEMS ALL RIGHT NOW! AS IF YOU WERE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE!
ANDY WAS GOING TO MARRY HER! WITHOUT EVEN TELLING HER HIS REAL NAME! I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING!

I EXPLAINED TO CAROLINE ABOUT MY FAILING THE EXAMS, AND ABOUT ANDY! SUDDENLY, I REALIZED THAT ANDY HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HER; HE WENT AWAY OUT OF LOYALTY TO ME, SO I HAD TO FORGIVE HIM!


IT'S PARTLY MY FAULT, DARLING! I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT ANDY BEING MY IDENTICAL TWIN! BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO RISK YOUR FALLING IN LOVE WITH HIM... THEN AFTER FLUNKING, I HAD TO SEND HIM...
OH, TOM--- TOM--- SUPPOSE...

BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO SUPPOSE ANYTHING! I DREW CAROLINE TO ME -- HER LIPS WERE SWEET AND I KNEW, WHEN SHE RETURNED MY KISS, THAT I NEEDED NEVER TO HAVE WORRIED ABOUT ANDY; OR ANYONE ELSE!



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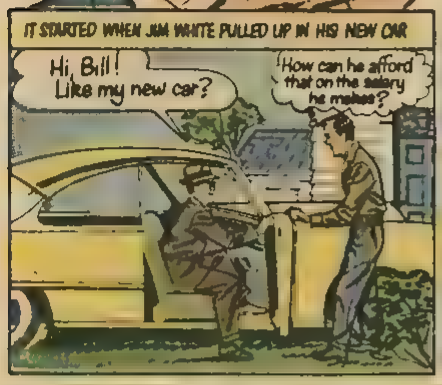
(WITHOUT SPENDING A PENNY)

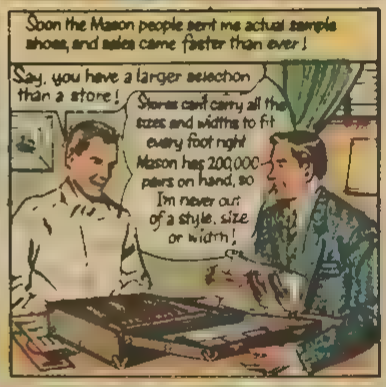
The TRUE STORY of William Bergstrom of Illinois



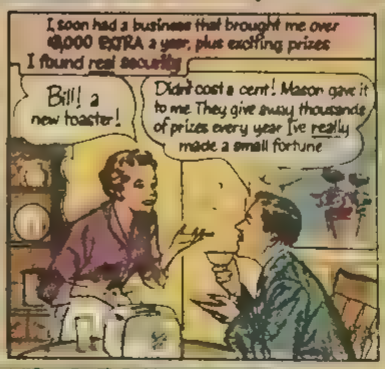
No, but maybe BETTER! I'm a Mason Shoe Man in off hours. You should see how people buy these shoes! Look, real AIR CUSHION innersoles!
GOSH! Can I make money that way?

Jim told me Mason sends a Selling Outfit FREE and shows how to make MONEY So I mailed a coupon My wife was thrilled
Bill! Look... a real air cushion innersole that customers can feel!
And look at this! Over 175 different styles! Dress shoes, sport shoes, work shoes from width AAAA to EEEE!

I started with friends, relatives, people where I worked EVERYBODY wants comfortable shoes!
Just feel that cushion, Joe! Wouldn't you like to "Walk on Air" all day long?
Say, I'd like those shoes You sure have swell styles my right size too!


Soon the Mason people sent me actual sample shoes, and sales came faster than ever!
Say, you have a larger selection than a store!
Stores can't carry all the sizes and widths to fit every foot right! Mason has 200,000 pairs on hand, so I'm never out of a style, size or width!

My spare-time business grew by leaps and bounds It was a cinch getting repeat orders!
Hello, Mr Jones It's been 2 months since I've called on you
Come in Mr Bergstrom Sure I was getting another pair of Mason shoes My wife needs a pair too!
Never had a shoe fit so well!


I soon had a business that brought me over $3,000 EXTRA a year, plus exciting prizes I found real security
Bill! a new toaster!
Didn't cost a cent! Mason gave it to me They give away thousands of prizes every year I've really made a small fortune

Mail Coupon For YOUR FREE Money-Making Outfit!

What would YOU do with $3,000 EXTRA income a year? Thousands of men are making handsome **extra incomes** with Mason Shoe. You don't invest one cent . ever. You need no experience. We'll send you a complete Starting Outfit FREE! It features handsome line of over 175 styles in smart dress shoes, sporty casuals and fast-selling work shoes...and includes 10-second Air Cushion demonstrator, Measuring equipment, Money-making booklet, National ads...EVERYTHING you need to start making **big money** from your first hour!

If you want to give yourself a **raise** every month—with a steady-profit repeat-order business...if you want to be **your own boss**...just rush this coupon TODAY to Mason Shoe Mfg. Co., Dept. **189** Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. You'll receive your powerful *FREE* SALES OUTFIT *right away!*

Mr. Ned Mason, Dept. 189
Mason Shoe Mfg. Co.
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

You bet I want to start making a small fortune in spare time! Rush my FREE SELLING OUTFIT with everything I need to start making money my first hour!

Name_____ Age_____

Address_____

Town_____ State_____

"Love For Love"

You would have to be an expert to detect the fact that Helen Fromer had been crying. True, there was a little redness about her two pale blue eyes. But this you might say had been caused by eyestrain. Her jet black hair was pushed to the right side of her head. And just now she was smiling. It did take a lot of effort to be pleasant in the bargain basement of Shaw's Department Store.

"The colors will not run when you wash them," she was telling an elderly lady. "Use luke warm water and do not rub too vigorously. Best bargain in town. Last week we sold the identical item for $4.40. Half price this week. How many do you want? Three? Shall I charge it?"

When the sale had been made, Helen sat down for just five seconds. Elsie Miller came over to her with some news.

"Mrs. Dulligan wants to see you. She's over at booth number ten. Looks a bit mad to me. Did you do anything wrong?"

Mrs. Mary Dulligan had been with Shaw's Department store so long that not a soul, except old man Shaw, could tell you when she first started. There had been a rumor she had worked back in Civil War Days, but this was merely a bit of idle gossip. When Helen Fromer arrived at booth ten, Mrs. Dulligan handed her a sales book.

"You made more mistakes yesterday than the entire store put together. The package that was to be delivered to 345 Grand Avenue you sent to 543 Grand Avenue. Just reversed the numbers. Then our sales item for $3.20 you sold for $2.30. Costs us only $2.50 each. And you switched packages three times."

This time Helen really cried. It looked something like a miniature downpour on a hot sultry summer day. Mrs. Dulligan handed Helen a handkerchief.

"Now turn off the water works and listen to some comon sense," she advised. "This is a very touching scene I'm sure. Everybody in the store knows you are head over heels in love with Bill Mayer. To be exact, I should say everybody but Bill himself. It is evident the grapevine has also reached your little ears. So you have heard that old man Shaw has offered Bill a top job. The catch is that his daughter Katherine goes with the offer. Now don't be too hard on the boss. If you had a daughter like Katherine you would give two of these stores to marry her off to a nice fellow. As for Bill, he has a future ahead of him. If he wants to marry for money and position, that is up to him. I have nothing more to say. But do me just one little favor. Make out those sales slips so that I don't have to check over your book. If there is anything I can do to help you, I'll do it. I'm just a softy for young love at my age."

Helen Fromer managed to go through the rest of the day without a mistake in her sales book. That was because her chum, Elsie Miller, double checked everything. At closing time, Elsie made a sensible suggestion.

"Better let me go home with you. You're in a daze. It must be terrible to be in love with a guy who doesn't know it. Maybe we should have a committee to inform him. If he had any sense in that thick skull of his he would know you are the only girl in the world for him."

Helen arrived home safely but not without giving two motorists a taste of heart failure. She had no appetite and went to bed early. Her dream was partly a nightmare. A young man on a white horse came up to her.

"Make out a sales slip for one love. To last forever and ever. Hurry I have no time. Otherwise I must go to South Hampton."

"No sales slip for me," she taunted him in her dream. "Love is not for sale. Yet it can be bought with only one thing in this world. Love.

Love for Love. You don't love Katherine Shaw. You love me!"

As the young man on horseback started to hand Helen the sales book, she awoke. It was early morning and Saturday. She had an idea.

"I'll go to the zoo," she said to herself. "First I'll go get some breakfast in the corner drugstore."

She didn't look at the clock. Quickly she dressed and went downstairs. There was an old car parked at the curb. A tall young man slid away from behind the wheel. Then he stood in front of her. His two hands found her hands and held them tightly. The sun was coming up from the horizon and also the apartment houses. There were only a few people in the street at 6:30 in the morning.

Bill's eyes gazed directly at Helen. She was beginning to breathe heavily as the excitement grasped her. He came closer and so did she. She sobbed slightly and then his two arms went around her. This was no dream she told herself as his lips searched for and found hers. She knew that without him life would have no meaning.

Several people passed by without any comment. A middle-aged man stopped and eyed the lovers carefully.

"Why don't you marry the girl," he suggested.

"Thanks for the idea, mister," was the unexpected reply. "City Hall opens at nine."

They had a quick breakfast at the corner drugstore. When they left the soda jerk made his observation.

"Nuts, I tell you. Plain nuts the two of them. She starts to butter her toast with a spoon. He spills his cream over the floor, and then tries to stir his coffee with his finger. What's the matter with people today?"

"Can't you recognize love when you see it, you big moron?" said Tillie who was washing dishes. And then to herself she added. "I wish that moron would find out how I love him. If he doesn't, maybe I should tell him."

A garage attendant and a porter were the two emergency witnesses for the wedding. Then they went into the car. Helen loked at Bill.

"As your wife may I ask what happened? What did old man Shaw try to do to you?"

"Whenever anybody is considered for advancement, they get an invitation to his place in South Hampton. I went there two weeks ago. He put it on thick. Told me he wanted someone to carry on the Shaw name. I would have to change my name to his. Then Katherine made a big play for me. Told me all the things she expected in a husband. They had me out on their boat. Gave me a taste of big money. I knew there was a certain girl for me. Right in the store. So I got busy. Lined up a job in Chicago. Of course I would be fired. What did they think I was? A hunk of merchandise for sale?"

They stopped back at Helen's place and she packed her bags. Then she went to the phone.

"At least I should tell Mrs. Dunnigan," she informed her husband.

"And she'll tell the whole store," added Bill.

Soon they were headed towards the Elsmere Avenue Bridge on their way to Chicago. The siren of a police car and two motorcycle officers stopped them.

"Anything wrong?" asked Bill.

"Identify yourself," replied the officer.

"Just married," said Helen. "Show them our license."

They were escorted back to the entrance to the bridge. A lot of people gathered around them. The police officer talked to some bigwig. Then the man came over.

"Congratulations you two lucky lovebirds. Your car was the ten millionth to use the Elsmere Avenue Bridge. We are staging a big publicity stunt. You get a free honeymoon, a new house all furnished, a new car, and a new wardrobe for both of you. Let our Chamber of Commerce give you the biggest marriage reception in the history of our city."

Helen cried as flashbulbs exploded. But these were tears of joy. She managed to say one sentence to her husband.

"I always wanted a big wedding."

Back in the private office of Samuel Shaw, Mrs. Dunnigan was facing a tired man.

"Bill has possibilities and will make good. You give him that job. As for Katherine, I'll take care of her myself and teach her how to really get a man."

She stopped for breath and smiled gently. She had something more to say.

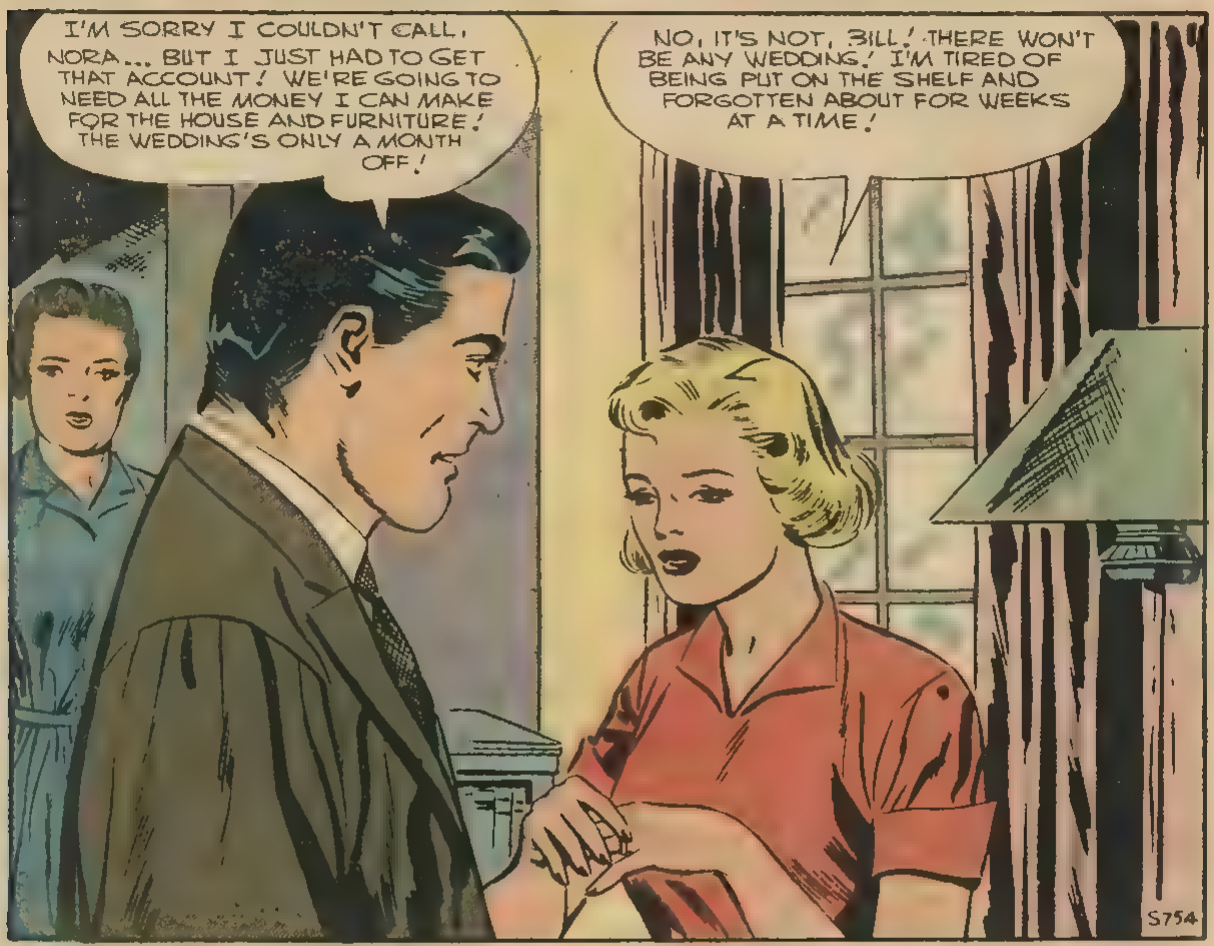
"You better tell Katherine we have been secretly married for two months. I'm finished working in the store. That house in South Hampton needs me. Doesn't it, my lovebird?"

— THE END —

ROMANTIC SECRETS

FORGOTTEN FIANCEE

I KNEW BILL WAS BUSY -- HIS JOB TOOK HIM OUT OF TOWN OFTEN AND HE WORKED AT TOP SPEED ALL THE TIME. BUT AT FIRST HE FOUND TIME TO CALL OFTEN -- AND HIS LETTERS WERE WONDERFUL -- THEN THE LETTERS STOPPED. FINALLY, I JUST COULDN'T STAND IT.


I'M SORRY I COULDN'T CALL, NORA... BUT I JUST HAD TO GET THAT ACCOUNT! WE'RE GOING TO NEED ALL THE MONEY I CAN MAKE FOR THE HOUSE AND FURNITURE! THE WEDDING'S ONLY A MONTH OFF!
NO, IT'S NOT, BILL! THERE WON'T BE ANY WEDDING! I'M TIRED OF BEING PUT ON THE SHELF AND FORGOTTEN ABOUT FOR WEEKS AT A TIME!
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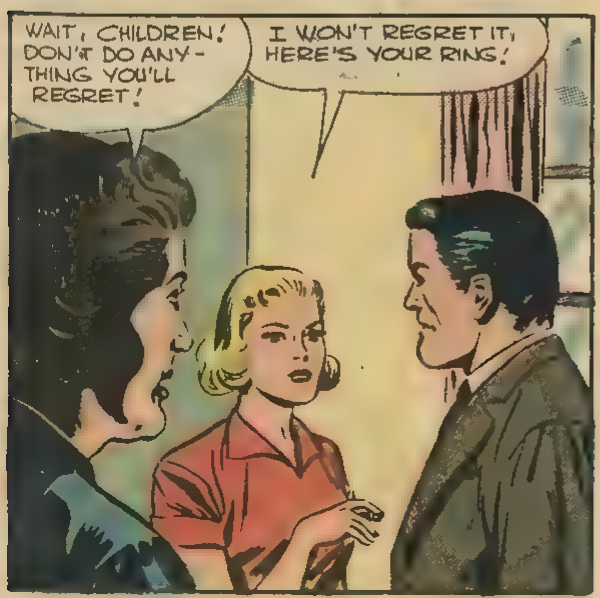
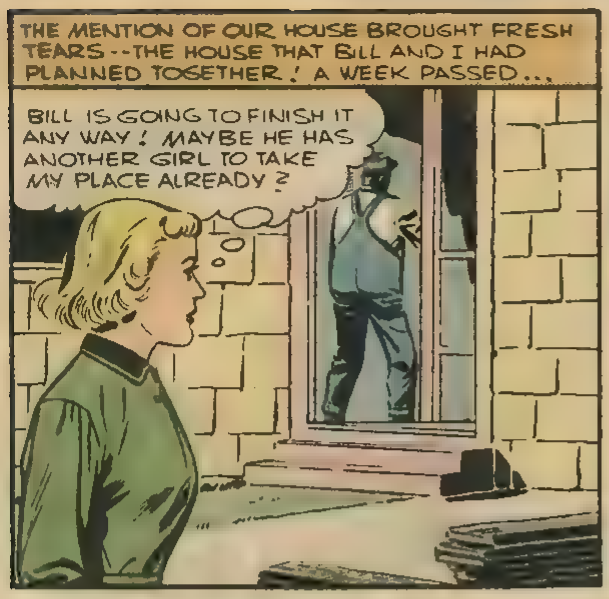
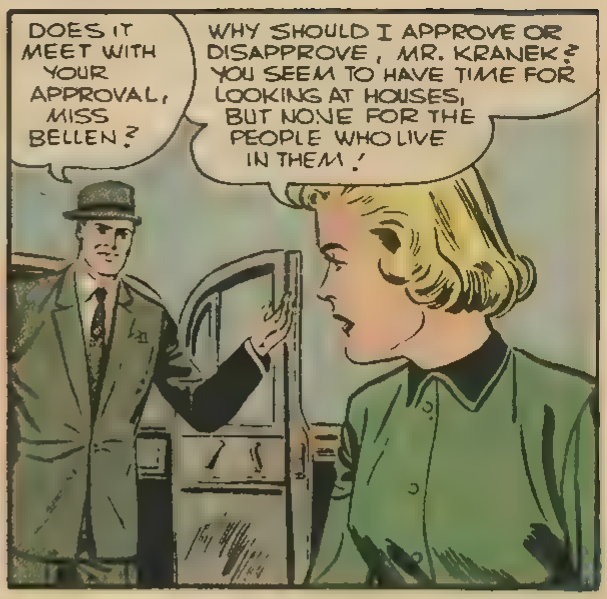
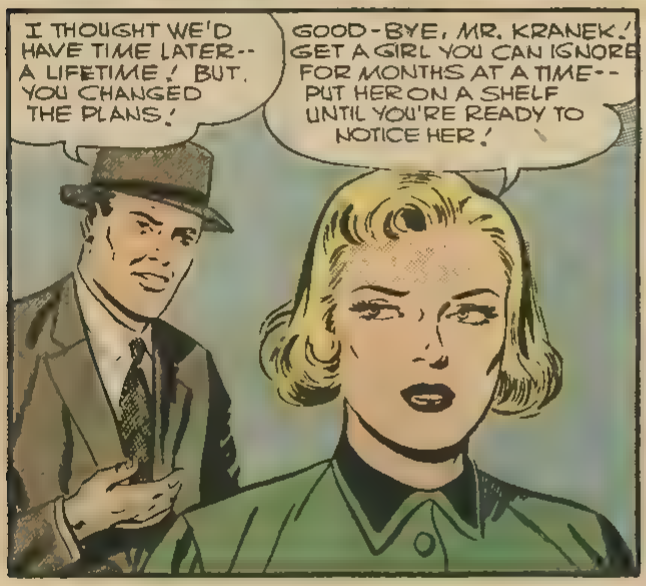
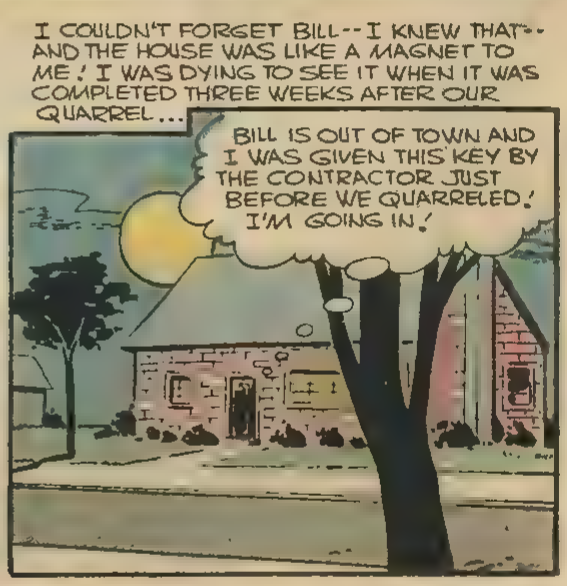


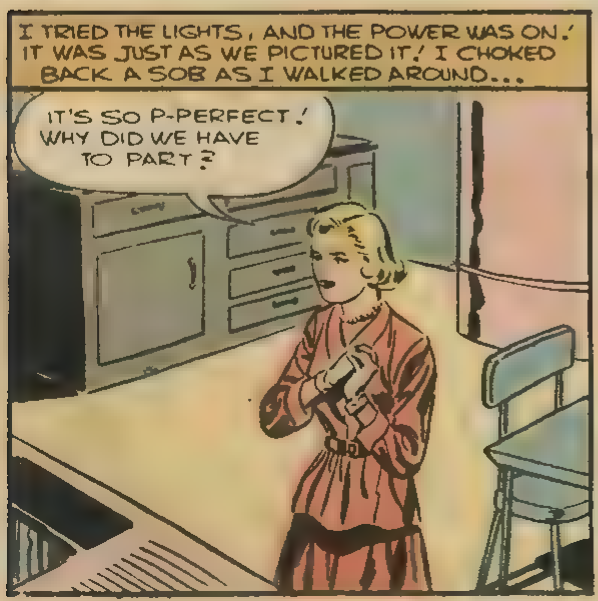
THE DOOR HAD BARELY CLOSED BEHIND BILL WHEN THE TEARS CAME ...
I RUINED EVERYTHING, MOTHER! I WAS RIGHT, WASN'T I?
BILL IS A BUSY MAN, NORA! TRYING TO EXPAND HIS BUSINESS AND FINISH YOUR HOUSE AT THE SAME TIME!


THE MENTION OF OUR HOUSE BROUGHT FRESH TEARS--THE HOUSE THAT BILL AND I HAD PLANNED TOGETHER! A WEEK PASSED...
BILL IS GOING TO FINISH IT ANY WAY! MAYBE HE HAS ANOTHER GIRL TO TAKE MY PLACE ALREADY?


DOES IT MEET WITH YOUR APPROVAL, MISS BELLEN?
WHY SHOULD I APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, MR. KRANEK? YOU SEEM TO HAVE TIME FOR LOOKING AT HOUSES, BUT NONE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THEM!


I THOUGHT WE'D HAVE TIME LATER--A LIFETIME! BUT, YOU CHANGED THE PLANS!
GOOD-BYE, MR. KRANEK! GET A GIRL YOU CAN IGNORE FOR MONTHS AT A TIME--PUT HER ON A SHELF UNTIL YOU'RE READY TO NOTICE HER!


I COULDN'T FORGET BILL--I KNEW THAT--AND THE HOUSE WAS LIKE A MAGNET TO ME! I WAS DYING TO SEE IT WHEN IT WAS COMPLETED THREE WEEKS AFTER OUR QUARREL...
BILL IS OUT OF TOWN AND I WAS GIVEN THIS KEY BY THE CONTRACTOR JUST BEFORE WE QUARRELED! I'M GOING IN!


I TRIED THE LIGHTS, AND THE POWER WAS ON! IT WAS JUST AS WE PICTURED IT! I CHOKED BACK A SOB AS I WALKED AROUND...
IT'S SO P-PERFECT! WHY DID WE HAVE TO PART?

THEN...I SAW BILL DRIVE UP...
I'LL DIE IF HE SEES ME HERE--I'LL HIDE IN THIS CLOSET TILL HE LEAVES!

MRS. CLARKE, THE CLEANING WOMEN, MUST BE HERE! I ASKED HER TO COME IN AND DUST A LITTLE! MRS. CLARKE?
NO ONE HERE! JUST ME AND MY MEMORIES! I GUESS I WAS WRONG -- BUT I WANTED TO FINISH MY WORK TO LEAVE MY MIND FREE FOR MY HONEY-MOON!
MY HEART LEAPED! I'D BEEN THOUGHTLESS, I KNEW -- BILL LOOKED SO TIRED...
IF SHE WERE ONLY HERE SO I COULD TELL HER HOW MUCH I LOVE HER! I'D NEVER NEGLET HER AGAIN!
I WANTED TO GO TO HIM, BUT I COULDN'T LET HIM KNOW I WAS THERE..
IF SHE'D ONLY TAKE THE RING BACK, ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WEDDING ARE STILL SET!
I HAD TO GET OUT OF HERE -- MY THROAT ACHED WITH SUPPRESSED SOBS! THEN, BILL LOOKED UP AND...
...AND IF SHE DOESN'T STOP HIDING IN CLOSETS AFTER WE'RE MARRIED, I'LL GET MAD! COME OUT, DARLING!
BILL! Y-YOU BEAST! OH, DARLING!
DO YOU KNOW I WAS THERE, BILL?
YOUR MOTHER TOLD ME YOU TOOK THE KEY WITH YOU, DARLING! I WAITED FOR THIS CHANCE! WE'LL BE MARRIED AS PLANNED!
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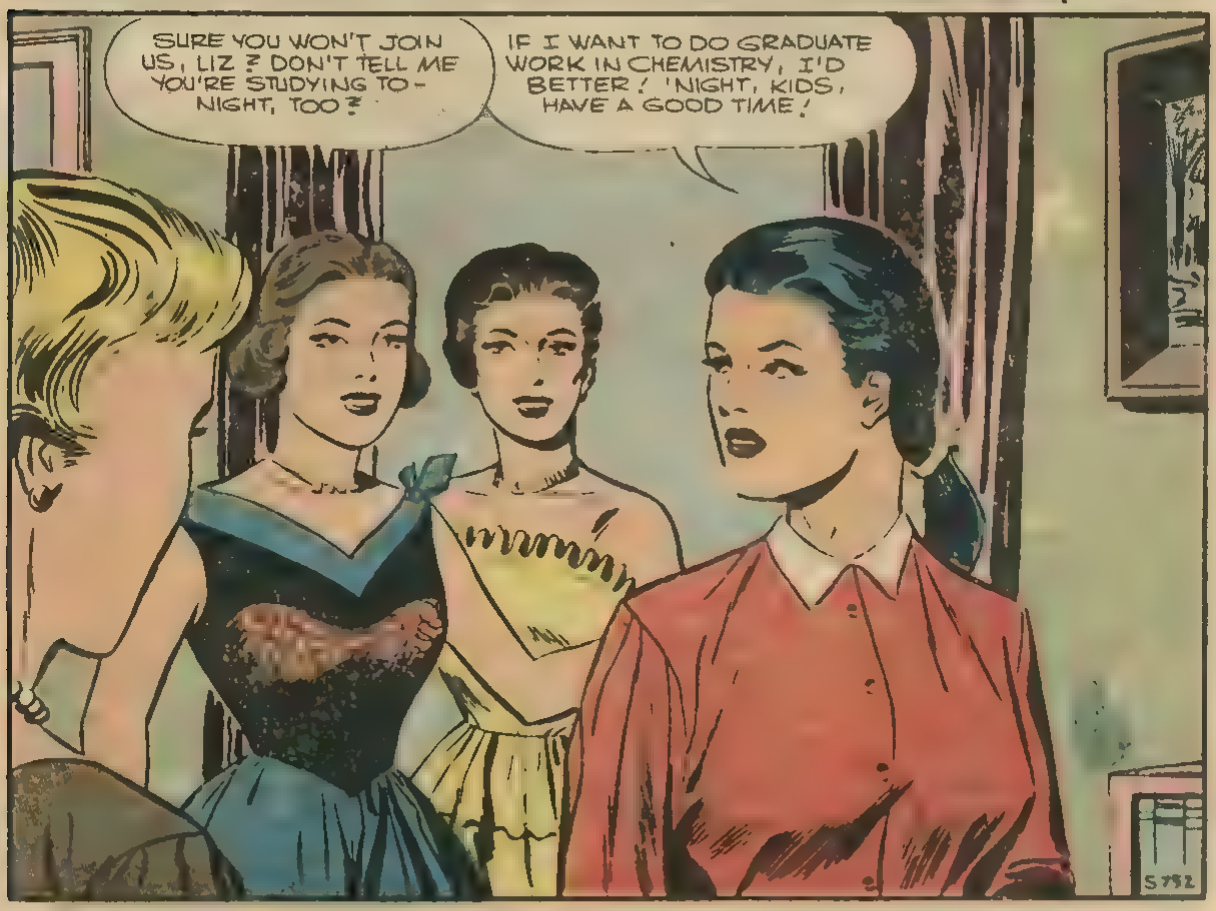
The PROFESSOR HAD A HEART

DON'T START FEELING SORRY FOR ME YET -- NO. SEY L.T WHALEY, THE CLASS FAILURE! OH, I DIDN'T MEAN MY CLASS WORK WAS SUFFERING BUT MY EGO CERTAINLY WAS! THE OTHER GIRLS INCLUDED ME IN THEIR INVITATIONS TO PARTIES JUST BEFORE GRADUATION BUT NONE OF THEM EXPECTED ME TO COME! I WOULDN'T DARE W[illegible] A DATE!


SURE YOU WON'T JOIN US, LIZ? DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE STUDYING TONIGHT, TOO?
IF I WANT TO DO GRADUATE WORK IN CHEMISTRY, I'D BETTER! 'NIGHT, KIDS, HAVE A GOOD TIME!
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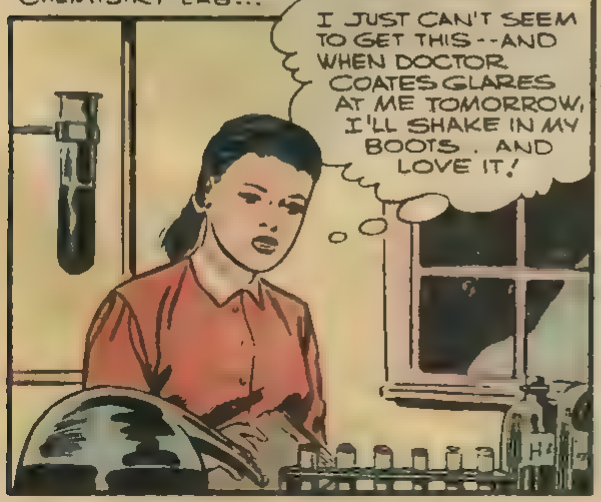
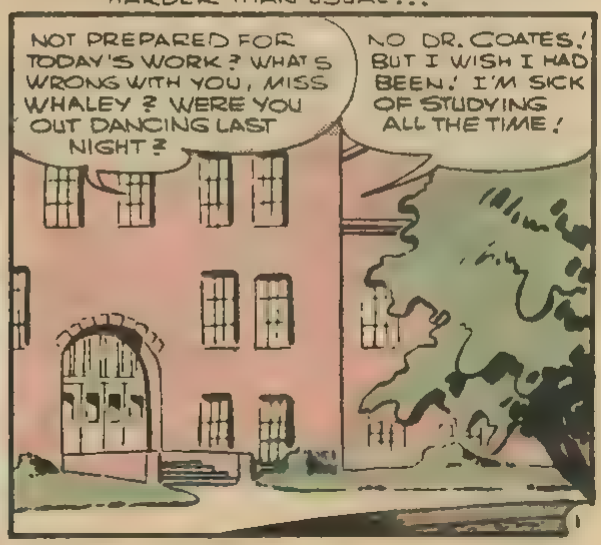
THE STUDYING BUSINESS WAS ONLY AN ALIBI! PERHAPS I MIGHT'VE GOTTEN A DATE BUT MY HEART WAS IN THE CLASSROOM -- THE CHEMISTRY LAB...



LIZ WAS RIGHT! DR. COATES DID GLARE... HARDER THAN USUAL...


NOT PREPARED FOR TODAY'S WORK? WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, MISS WHALEY? WERE YOU OUT DANCING LAST NIGHT?
NO DR. COATES! BUT I WISH I HAD BEEN! I'M SICK OF STUDYING ALL THE TIME!

100 AIRPLANES

$1.25

WOW!

100 Airplanes for only $1.25. Imagine being the owner of a whole fleet of real plastic airplanes! All kinds — jets warplanes transports! Have fun for hours with your friends and family.

PACKED IN THIS HANGAR STORAGE BOX

Rush Coupon

Each set of 100 airplanes comes packed in a sturdy Hangar. After you're through playing with the airplanes, back they go into the hangar for the night.

Josely Co., Dept. P2
1472 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Folks

Here's my $1.25. Rush 100 Airplanes in special hangar. If not 100% delighted my money will be refunded

Name _____

Address _____

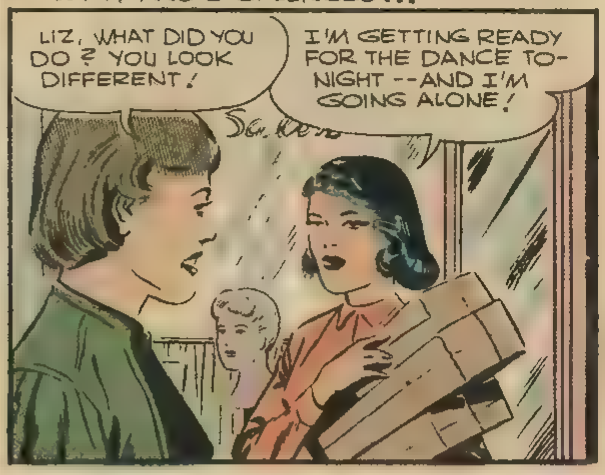
City _____ State _____

No C.O.D.'s

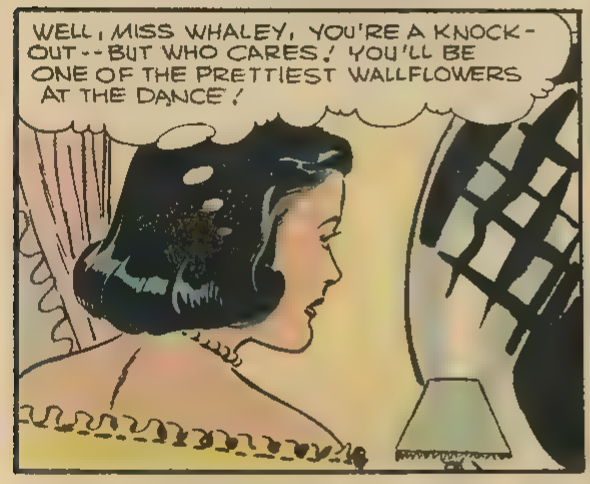
ROMANTIC SECRETS

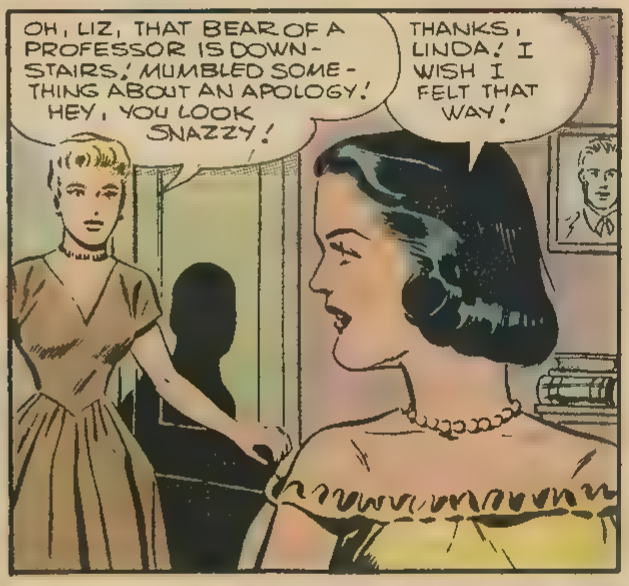
YOU ARE, EH? WELL, ISN'T THAT A SHAME! NOW GET TO WORK ON THAT PROBLEM RIGHT NOW!
I WILL NOT! I'M CUTTING THE REST OF MY CLASSES TODAY! I HAVEN'T TAKEN ONE CUT ALL YEAR SO I CAN!
H_2O
H_2S
HCL

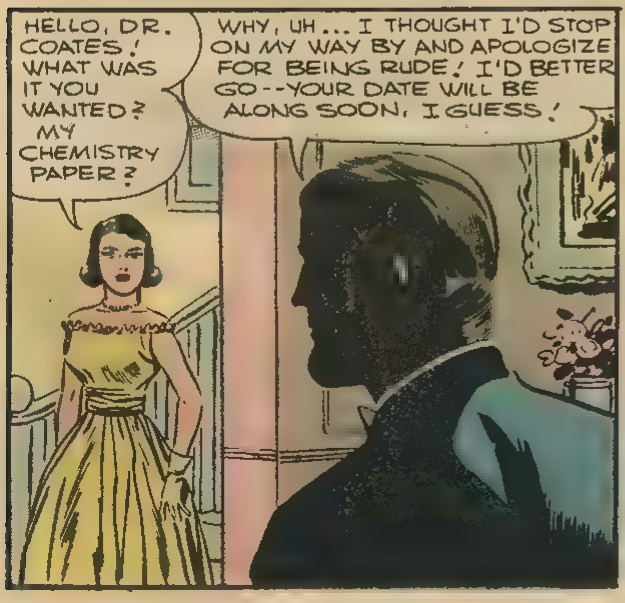
I WAS A LITTLE CRAZY, I GUESS--BUT I WAS TIRED OF BEING DRIVEN INTO BEING A CHEMISTRY GENIUS WHEN ALL I WANTED WAS HAPPINESS! I HAD MOST OF MY ALLOWANCE LEFT, AND I SPLURGED...



I SPENT THE REST OF THE DAY SHOPPING, THEN BEGAN GETTING READY FOR THE DANCE! I'D BE ALONE, BUT IT WAS MY WAY OF GETTING EVEN WITH THE WORLD...



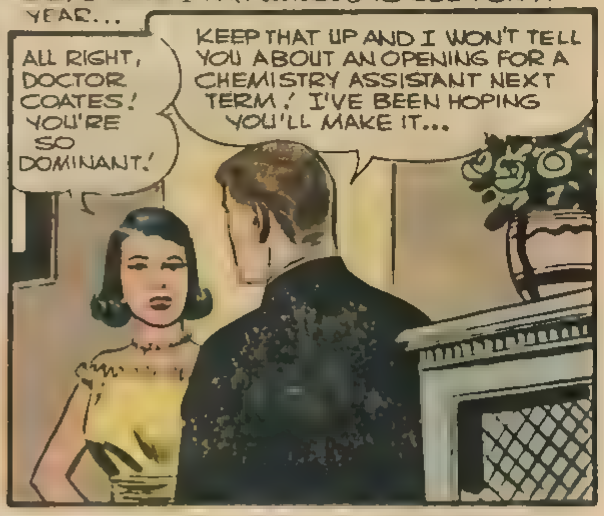

OH, LIZ, THAT BEAR OF A PROFESSOR IS DOWNSTAIRS! MUMBLED SOMETHING ABOUT AN APOLOGY! HEY, YOU LOOK SNAZZY!
THANKS, LINDA! I WISH I FELT THAT WAY!

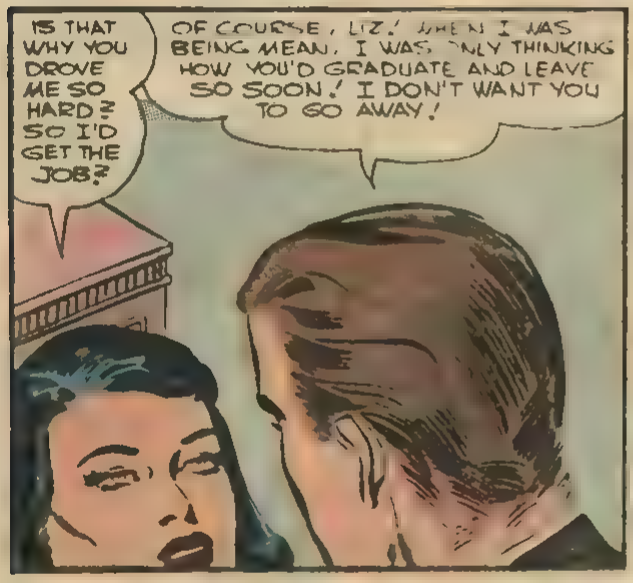

HELLO, DR. COATES! WHAT WAS IT YOU WANTED? MY CHEMISTRY PAPER?
WHY, UH... I THOUGHT I'D STOP ON MY WAY BY AND APOLOGIZE FOR BEING RUDE! I'D BETTER GO--YOUR DATE WILL BE ALONG SOON, I GUESS!

OH, DIDN'T YOU KNOW? NO ONE EVER ASKS ME FOR DATES! I GO STEADY WITH CHEMISTRY TEXTBOOKS! I'M GOING TO THE HOP ALONE!
THAT ISN'T NECES... I MEAN--MAY I TAKE YOU?

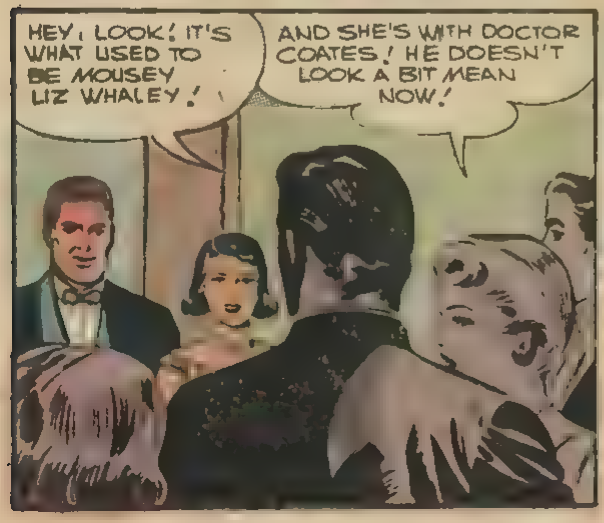
ROMANTIC SECRETS

HE WAS GLARING AT ME AGAIN.. BUT BEHIND THE GLARE THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE.. SOMETHING I HAD LONGED TO SEE FOR A YEAR...

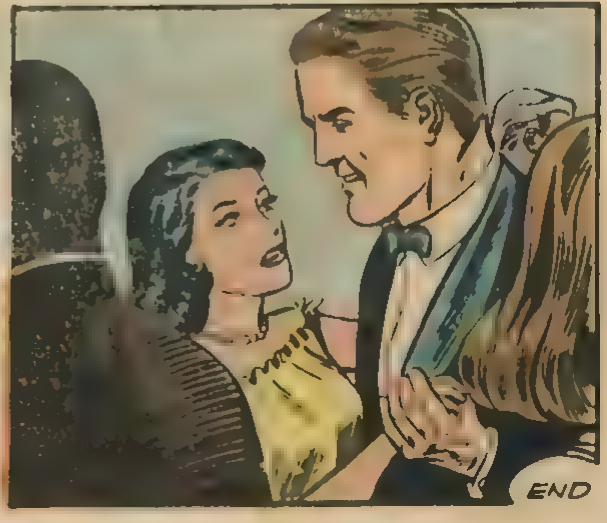

ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR COATES! YOU'RE SO DOMINANT.'
KEEP THAT UP AND I WON'T TELL YOU ABOUT AN OPENING FOR A CHEMISTRY ASSISTANT NEXT TERM.' I'VE BEEN HOPING YOU'LL MAKE IT...


IS THAT WHY YOU DROVE ME SO HARD? SO I'D GET THE JOB?
OF COURSE, LIZ.' WHEN I WAS BEING MEAN, I WAS ONLY THINKING HOW YOU'D GRADUATE AND LEAVE SO SOON.' I DON'T WANT YOU TO GO AWAY!

I FELT LIKE THAT BEFORE I KNEW I WOULD BE SOON AS ROB AND I WALKED INTO THE HALL.' EVERYONE SEEMED TO BE STARING AT US...



... AND HE WASN'T MEAN.' I KNEW HE WAS GOING TO BE THE SWEETEST, KINDEST HUSBAND IN THE WORLD!



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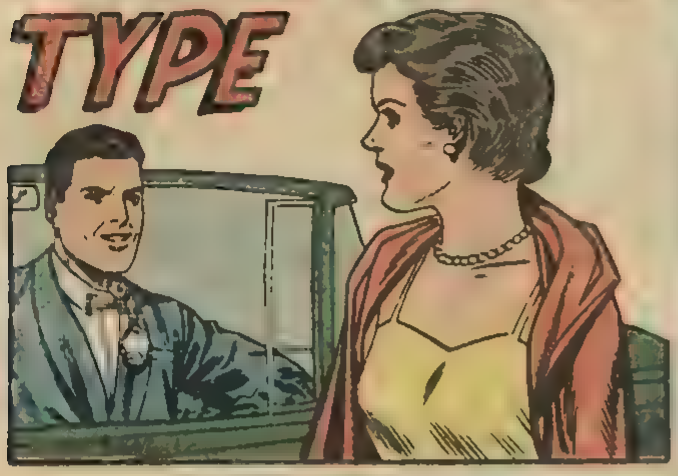


I TOLD TOM REYNOLDS, MY DATE, THAT IT WAS LATE AND KISSED HIM GOOD NIGHT...

BUT MY REAL REASON WAS, THAT I HAD LEFT RICH BOB HOWARD, THE GREATEST CATCH OF ALL, TO THE SIMPLE DEVICES OF PAULA INGHAM, MY INNOCENT COUSIN! AFTER AN EVENING WITH PAULA, I KNEW BOB WOULD WANT TO RUSH TO MY ARMS! BUT...

...THERE WAS MY SWEET AND SIMPLE COUSIN IN THE ARMS OF THE ONLY MAN I EVER WANTED...

I HURRIED TO MY ROOM AND GAVE WAY TO MY HEARTBREAK...

BUT AFTER THE TEARS, MY OWN COMMON SENSE SHOWED ME MY ERROR...

I SAW THE LIGHT AND MENDED MY WAYS! AND I DID FIND LOVE BY TAKING A CUE FROM MY INNOCENT COUSIN: I GAVE LOVE AND FOUND LOVE IN RETURN...

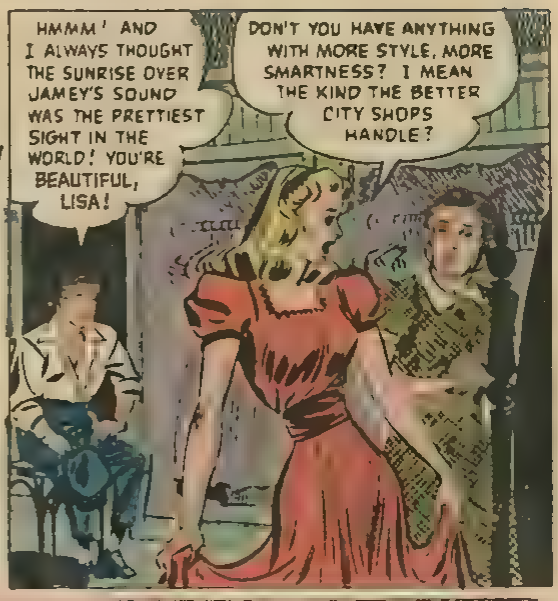
The MAN I LOVE

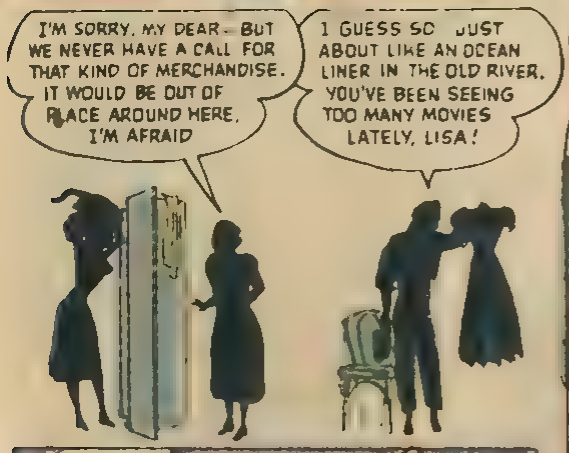
LISA was as gay as the breeze that rippled the river's surface, and her love for Lennie was as deep as its crystalline waters. Yet all this was to vanish before her intense desire to ape the surface veneer of pseudo-sophisticates. Yes, she gained her goal only to find that it went hand in hand with heartbreak.

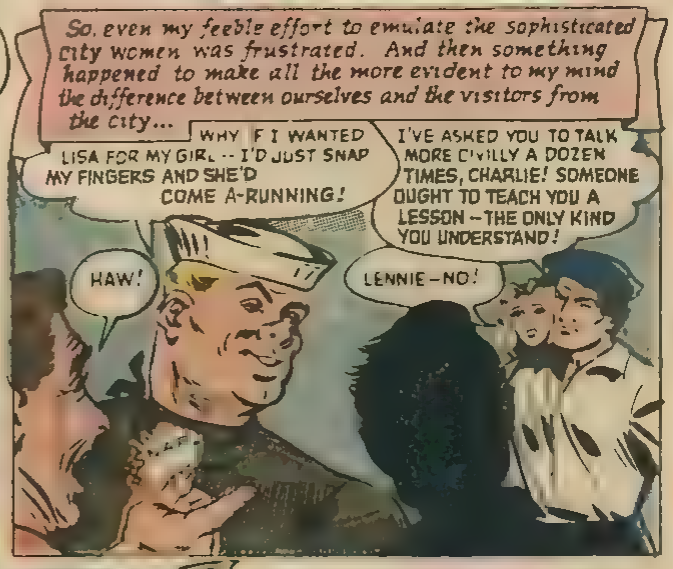
OH, LENNIE! HURRY-- PLEASE HURRY! I MISS YOU SO!
I stood there on the wharf, my hair filtered by the gentle wind, breathlessly waiting for the sight of the river boat -- and Lennie, the one I adored! But then I saw him again, the slim, dark stranger who stirred me so strangely...
HERE -- TWENTY DOLLARS! MAKE SURE THAT MY BOAT IS IN SHAPE TO TAKE OUT TOMORROW!
HE'S SO SURE OF HIMSELF! HOW DIFFERENT FROM ANY OF US!
How I envied his air of being entirely in command of things! And then, almost as though he sensed my interest, he spoke...
I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT YOU KNOW THE SHOALS OUT HERE LIKE A MUD TURTLE. PERHAPS YOU'D GUIDE ME OUT OF THE ISLANDS ONE DAY.
PERHAPS.

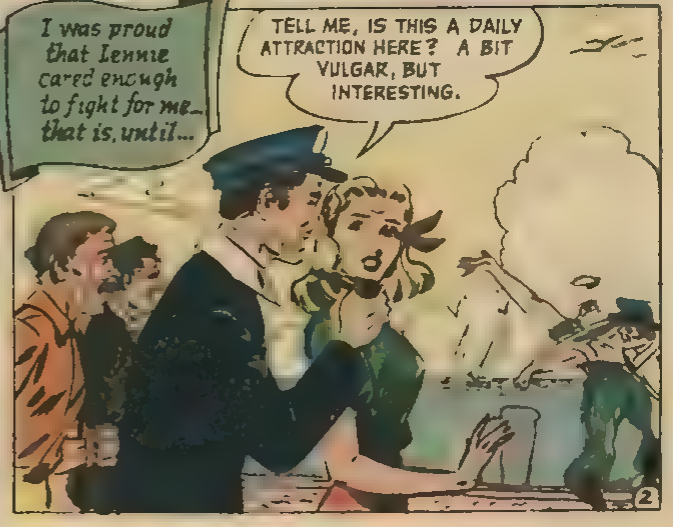
COME ON, HONEY.. WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? SOMETHING'S BOTHERING YOU!
IT'S NOTHING, LENNIE. LET'S JUST SKIP IT I'D LIKE TO GO INTO TOWN. I HAVEN'T BOUGHT A NEW DRESS IN MONTHS!

A fish fry, or swimming at Dane's Beach, or small town dances with a social background such as that-- how could anyone hope to acquire the poise of those who visited from the city? The sudden urge to buy a dress was a feeble attempt to disguise the "gypsy," as Lennie called me!

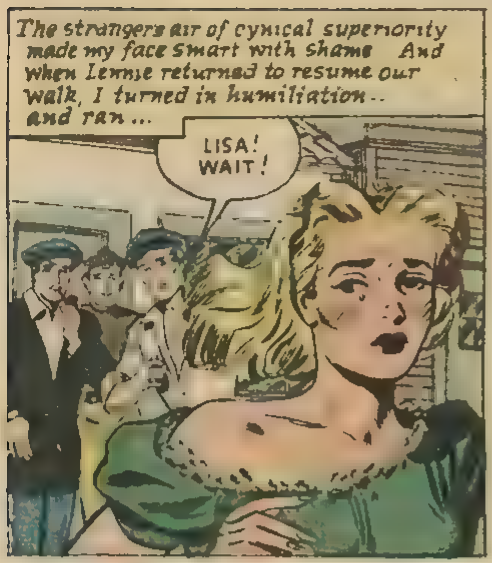

HMMM! AND I ALWAYS THOUGHT THE SUNRISE OVER JAMEY'S SOUND WAS THE PRETTIEST SIGHT IN THE WORLD! YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL, LISA!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING WITH MORE STYLE, MORE SMARTNESS? I MEAN THE KIND THE BETTER CITY SHOPS HANDLE?


I'M SORRY, MY DEAR - BUT WE NEVER HAVE A CALL FOR THAT KIND OF MERCHANDISE. IT WOULD BE OUT OF PLACE AROUND HERE, I'M AFRAID
I GUESS SO JUST ABOUT LIKE AN OCEAN LINER IN THE OLD RIVER. YOU'VE BEEN SEEING TOO MANY MOVIES LATELY, LISA!

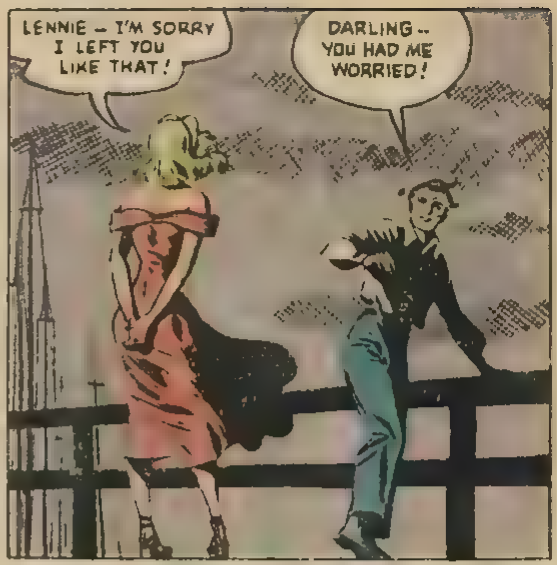

So, even my feeble effort to emulate the sophisticated city women was frustrated. And then something happened to make all the more evident to my mind the difference between ourselves and the visitors from the city...
WHY IF I WANTED LISA FOR MY GIRL -- I'D JUST SNAP MY FINGERS AND SHE'D COME A-RUNNING!
I'VE ASKED YOU TO TALK MORE CIVILLY A DOZEN TIMES, CHARLIE! SOMEONE OUGHT TO TEACH YOU A LESSON -- THE ONLY KIND YOU UNDERSTAND!
HAW!
LENNIE - NO!


I was proud that Lennie cared enough to fight for me... that is, until...
TELL ME, IS THIS A DAILY ATTRACTION HERE? A BIT VULGAR, BUT INTERESTING.

ROMANTIC SECRETS


The strangers air of cynical superiority made my face smart with shame And when Lennie returned to resume our walk, I turned in humiliation-- and ran ...
LISA! WAIT!

But that evening, the urge to be in Lennie's arms was as natural as the fall of rain upon the face of the earth. And, shame-faced, I sought him out...



I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT FIGHT. BUT THERE WAS NO WAY OF AVOIDING IT. I COULDN'T HAVE ANYONE TALK LIKE THAT ABOUT YOU!
DON'T TALK, LENNIE -- JUST HOLD ME!

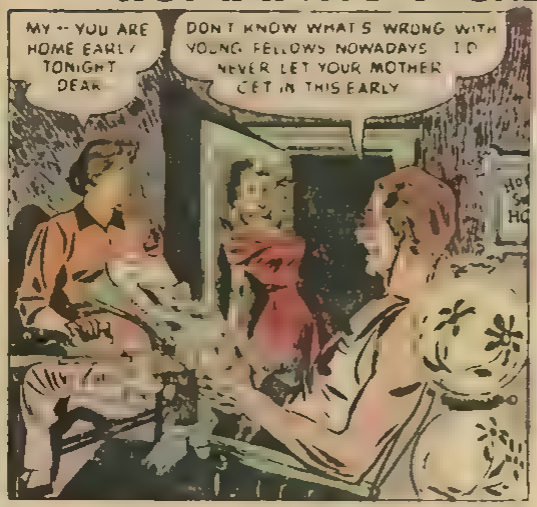
BUT I THINK WE SHOULD TALK, LISA. SOMETHING HAS BEEN TROUBLING YOU -- AND IT'S MORE THAN JUST THIS AFTERNOON!
IT'S THOSE CITY VISITORS WHO UPSET ME. THEY'RE SO SELF-POSSESSED -- AS THOUGH THEY KNOW ALL THERE IS TO KNOW. WE SEEM LIKE SUCH FOOLS BY COMPARISON! I--I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT!

Then Lennie gently smoothed my brow, and he held me tightly .. and all doubts were dispelled in the magic of his kiss ...
OH, LENNIE, I LOVE YOU. I DO I DO.

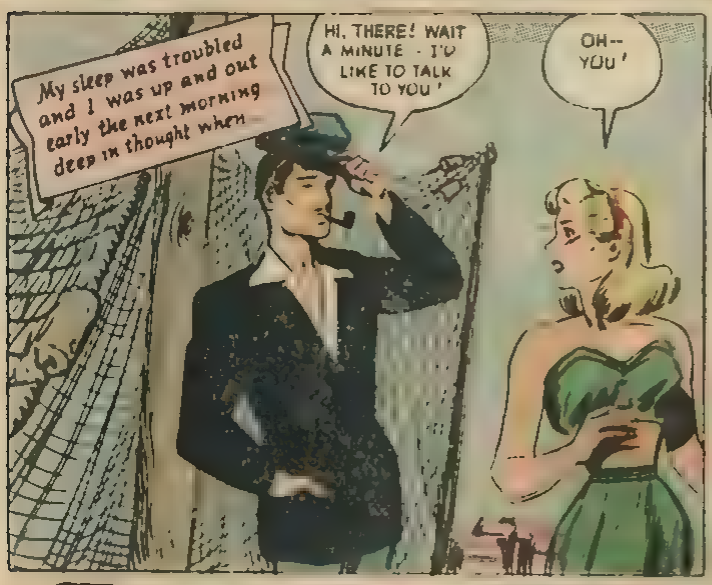
DARLING -- ONE DAY WE'LL HAVE BEEN TO ALL THE PLACES THEY HAVE, AND HAVE DONE ALL THE THINGS THEY HAVE! THEN WE'LL KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT LIFE AS THEY DO.
BUT WHAT CAN THEY KNOW THAT WE DON'T? AFTER ALL, LISA, IT'S THE SIMPLE THINGS THAT TEACH YOU WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT IN LIFE.

It was futile. Lennie didn't understand the brooding envy that gripped me.

I left him with a deep sigh, and I walked slowly back to the house—


MY -- YOU ARE HOME EARLY TONIGHT DEAR
DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUNG FELLOWS NOWADAYS I'D NEVER LET YOUR MOTHER GET IN THIS EARLY

My sleep was troubled and I was up and out early the next morning deep in thought when—



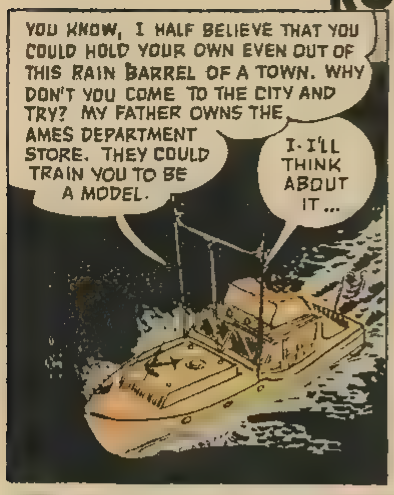
DENNIS AMES IS THE NAME BUT JUST DENNIS TO YOU. SAY, I'M TAKING MY BOAT OUT. LIKE TO PILOT ME?
I SUPPOSE SO THAT'S THE ONLY WORK WE KNOW AROUND HERE!

I tried to be casual, but a blush betrayed me as I stepped aboard his boat.

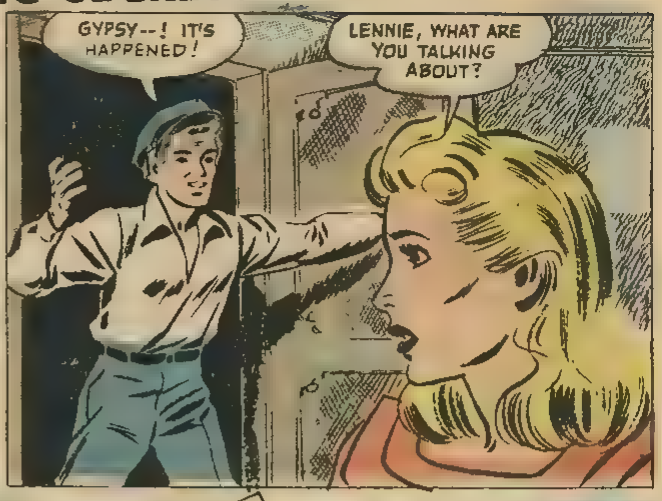
We went into the wind, over the balmy waters.

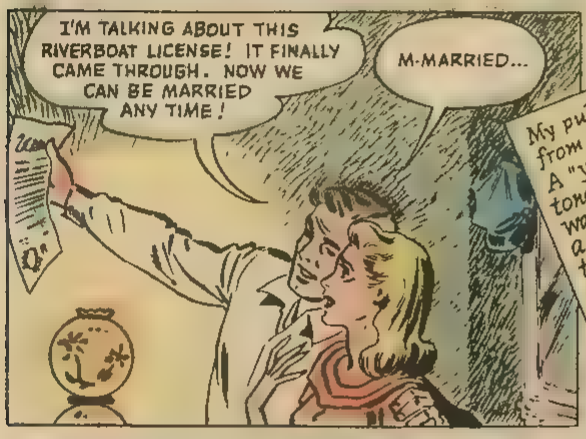
I was very conscious of his nearness, and disturbed by the very poise I envied.

YOU'D BETTER LET ME DIRECT YOU FROM HERE. IT GETS TREACHEROUS FURTHER UP.
HERE, YOU TAKE THE WHEEL. I'LL JUST STICK CLOSE BESIDE YOU


YOU KNOW, I HALF BELIEVE THAT YOU COULD HOLD YOUR OWN EVEN OUT OF THIS RAIN BARREL OF A TOWN. WHY DON'T YOU COME TO THE CITY AND TRY? MY FATHER OWNS THE AMES DEPARTMENT STORE. THEY COULD TRAIN YOU TO BE A MODEL.
I-I'LL THINK ABOUT IT...

I glowed at the new life that beckoned me. I could experience enough there in a year to face anything with the same aplomb, the same imperturbable poise that was his That evening...





My pulses pounded wildly from the conflict of emotions. A "yes" was poised upon my tongue, but within me there was an adamant restraint-- a part of me that was willing to forego even love for the glamor of the city.

I'VE A CHANCE TO GO TO THE CITY AND WORK IN THE FASHION DEPARTMENT OF THE AMES DEPARTMENT STORE!
IS *THAT* IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO STAND IN THE WAY OF OUR MARRIAGE, LISA?

Important? It meant that I could rise above my station, lose that naïve, ingenuous quality I was so ashamed of. I tried to explain it to Lennie--

IT WOULDN'T BE FOR ALWAYS, LENNIE. BUT I-I'D LIKE TO GO FOR AWHILE. I DON'T WANT THOSE CITY PEOPLE WHO COME INTO TOWN TO BE ABLE TO LAUGH AT ME!
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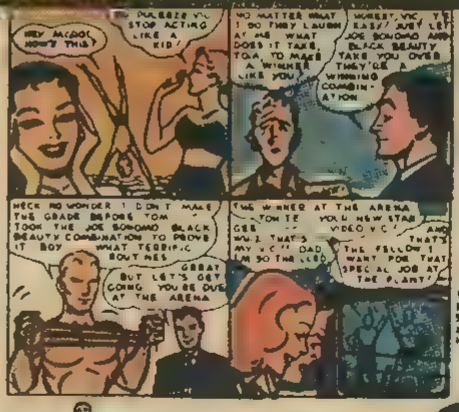
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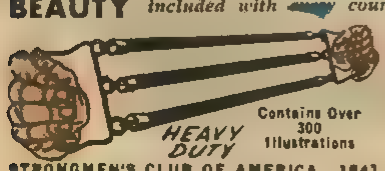

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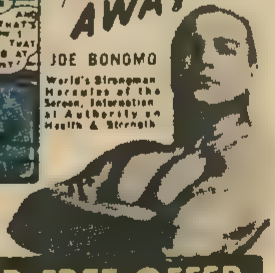

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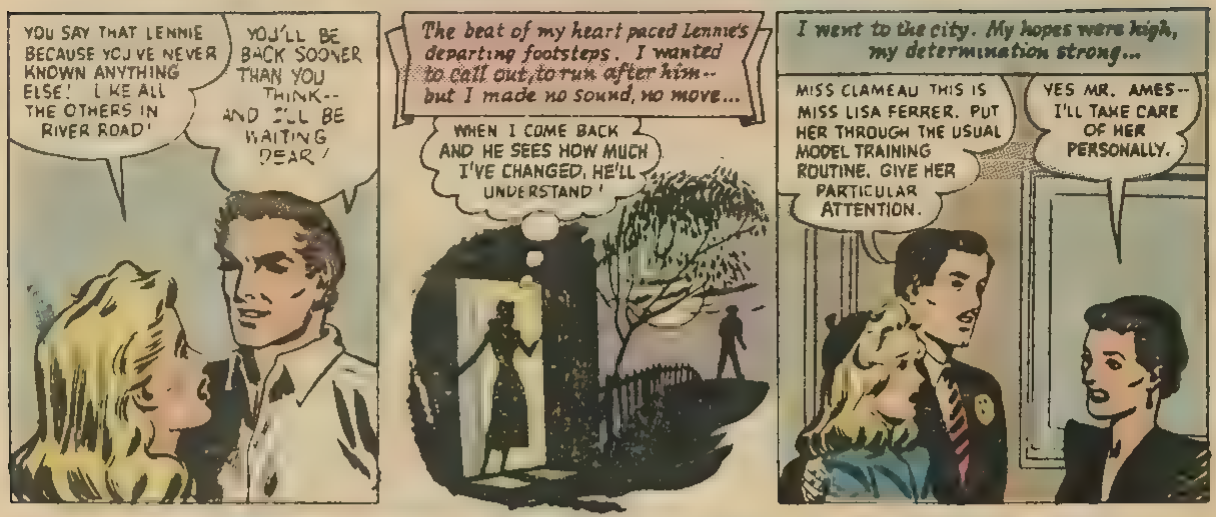
YOU SAY THAT LENNIE BECAUSE YOU'VE NEVER KNOWN ANYTHING ELSE! LIKE ALL THE OTHERS IN RIVER ROAD!
YOU'LL BE BACK SOONER THAN YOU THINK-- AND I'LL BE WAITING DEAR!
The beat of my heart paced Lennie's departing footsteps. I wanted to call out, to run after him-- but I made no sound, no move...
WHEN I COME BACK AND HE SEES HOW MUCH I'VE CHANGED, HE'LL UNDERSTAND!
I went to the city. My hopes were high, my determination strong...
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YES MR. AMES-- I'LL TAKE CARE OF HER PERSONALLY.

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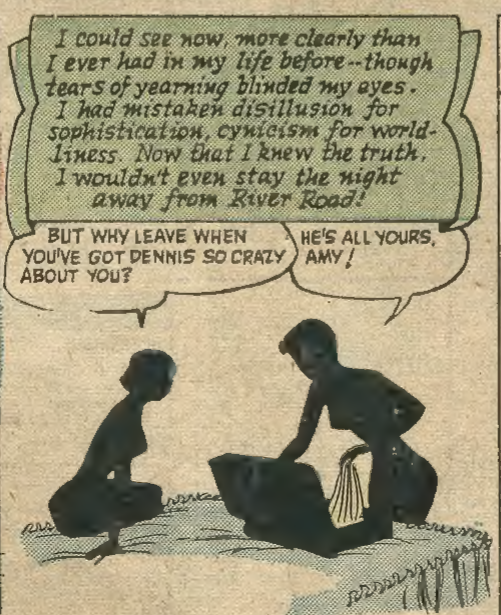
DENNIS, INTRODUCE ME. YOU NEVER TOLD ME ABOUT HER!
LISA! THIS IS ED MARLOW, ONE OF THE BUYERS. BUT PAY NO ATTENTION TO HIM. I'M GOING TO KEEP YOU OCCUPIED MYSELF!

It seemed as though the more things we did, the louder the clamor -- the less reaction it had on me.
The laughter was hollow, the gaiety affected.
It was a mockery of honest emotion that I still believed was sophistication, worldliness --
DENNIS, STOP PULLING ME!
LISA, I THOUGHT I WAS IN LOVE WITH IRIS BUT I'M NOT. IT'S YOU I LOVE. I WANT YOU TO MARRY ME!

MARRY YOU? JUST AS SIMPLE AND SUDDEN AS THAT! AND IN WHOM WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED TOMORROW? I GUESS YOU'LL GO ON PLAYING WITH LIFE JUST AS THOUGH IT WERE A GAME -- FOREVER!
THERE -- ASK A GIRL TO MARRY YOU, AND YOU GET A SERMON!

Suddenly, I had enough -- and more! The longing for the sheltering warmth of Lennie's arms, the sincerity and deep affection in his face -- I knew he was the one I loved, so I turned and ran!

I could see now, more clearly than I ever had in my life before -- though tears of yearning blinded my eyes. I had mistaken disillusion for sophistication, cynicism for worldliness. Now that I knew the truth, I wouldn't even stay the night away from River Road!



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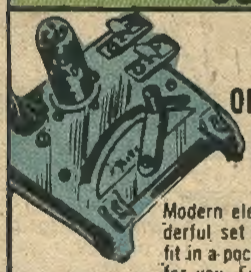

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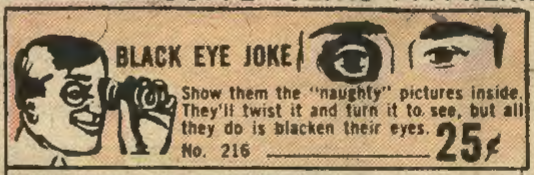

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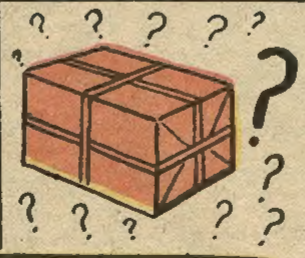

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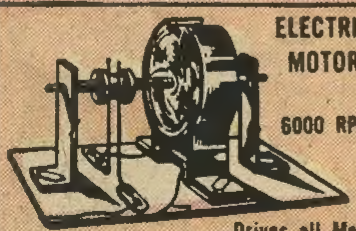

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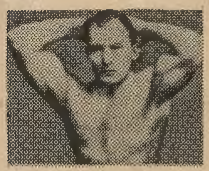

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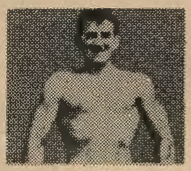

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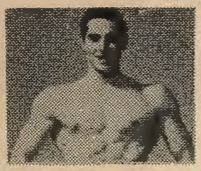

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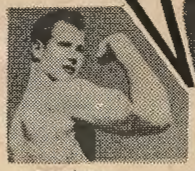

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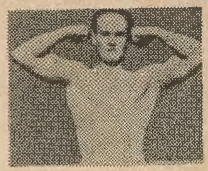

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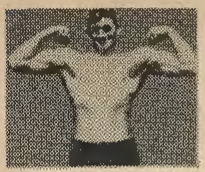

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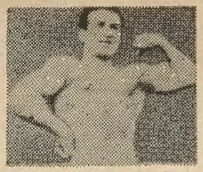

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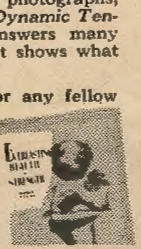

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